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Merchant resigns 'to protect family'

SLEAZE returned to haunt the Conservatives yesterday when the MP Piers Merchant quit over renewed allegations about his relationship with a teenage nightclub hostess less than a week after William Hague said that sexual impropriety was no cause for

resignation.
The 46-year-old Beckenham MP has repeatedly denied any sexual relationship with Anna Cox, 18, but he said that he had decided to go "to shield his family and friends from intensive and continued intrusion into our private lives".

His decision will prompt a by-election in one of the safer Tory scats, opening the way for the long line of former MPs seeking to make a comeback. There was immediate speculation that Michael Portillo, Chris Patten, Sir Malcolm Rifkind and William Waldegrave might be tempted, although friends of Mr Portillo who made a striking appearance at the party confe ence last week — said that it

might be "too soon". Allegations about Mr Merchant and Miss Cox formet sono nosiess who i came a researcher - first surfaced early in the general election campaign, bringing a Heseltine that the MP should stand down as a candidate. Nevertheless, Beckenham Conservatives stood by him. and he went on to retain the seat with a majority of 4,953 majority in spite of a 15 per

But on Sunday, the Sunday Mirror ran six pages of allega-tions about the MP and Miss Cox, including claims that they spent several nights together at the Blackpool conference last week. Both again



Patten, Portillo, Waldegrave and Rifkind head the list of possible contenders to fight a by election

Miss Cox back to his home where she was seemingly welcomed by his wife. Helen. Yesterday, however, he rele-

phoned the Tory deputy chief whip Peter Ainsworth to say that he could no longer endure the attentions of the tabloids and so he had decided to go. the decision was "entirely his

Mr Merchant said later that

own" and that he had been put under no pressure to quit. Mr Hague's aides and Conserva-

elemied any improper behave tive Central Office took a night that further revelations iour - they said that they were similar line, but it is known working on a book about the that Central Office had been tabloid press - and after the trying to get at the truth over conference Mr Merchant took the allegations and Tory sources said that there had been no attempt to dissuade

him. It was also clear that

Beckenham Tories were turn-

ment about the decision, both Mr Merchant and his wife remained hidden in their Beckenham home yesterday. But Miss Cox appeared, first to berate camera crews out-Bromley Hospital by ambu- him that trapped him and

lance after an apparent fit of hyseria. She had shouted to waiting journalists: "What do you want? You are not going to get a picture, so why don't you all just go to hell. You are trying to break up families and you're not going to get away with it."

Rising to a shrill shrick, she ed: "I have had enough of you," before striking out at a reporter, bursting into tears and running into the house.

Minutes later, police arrived escorting an ambulance and Miss Cox, her head in her hands, staggered on the arm of a paramedic shouting: "Oh God, I can't take any more.

In his statement, Mr Mer chant, a former journalist, said: The decision is taken to protect my family, especially my two sensitive children, and also my friends, including Anna Cox and her family, from the intensive and continued intrusion into our private lives, which otherwise seems to continue indefinitely, and from further character

But the Sunday Mirror which welcomed the MP's would follow if he continued to accuse journalists of fabrica-Rowe, said that she had "100 per cent, incontrovertible proof that Mr Merchant and Miss Cox were enjoying a full sexual relationship.

And in a statement, the newspaper said: "In his statement of resignation. Mr Merchant talks of character assassination' by the tabloid press and complains of intensive and continued intrusion' into his private life. It was the web of deceit and lies spun by



attracted the necessary and quite proper attentions of the

In Beckenham, the Conservative Association deputy chairman Rod Reed said that he was sorry to hear of the resignation, although he believed that Mr Merchant had made the right decision. "The reaction here is really one of sadness, bearing in mind that he was a very good local constituency MP."

Buit Bert Miles, a local councillor and a member of the association for 20 years, suggested that the party

would have dropped Mr Merchant anyway in the wake of think he would have got away with it twice," he said. "I looked at the pictures of him in the papers at the weekend when he was supposed to be at the conterence. I think he has let everybody down. The assoto sack him if he hadn't resigned, the leaders of the association are probably breathing a sigh of relief."

Betraying trust, page 13



Merchant complained

Booker Prize goes to debut novelist

By Erica Wagner

DEBUT novelist Arundhati Roy has won the 1997 Booker Prize. Roy, 37 and from India, had been the favourite to take this year's £20,000 award.

Professor Gillian Beer, who chaired the judges, said: The extraordinary linguistic inven-tiveness of Arundhati Roy funnels the history of south india through the eyes of seven-year-old twins.

The story she tells is fundamental as well as local: it is about love and death, about lies and laws. Her narrative crackles with riddles and yet tells its tale quite clearly. We were all engrossed by this moving novel."

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Roy's triumphlast night only serves to confirm her place as this year's literary sensation. The God of Small Things is her first novel - but literary agent David Godwin flew to India to meet her within four days of receiving

The book has has now been sold in more than 30 countries and has earned over £1m in advanced rights sales. It has caused uproar in India depicting as it does an affair between a low-caste Paravan

man and a Christian woman. Roy was born in Kerala. part of a community of Syrian Christians — but also outside that community as her mother had divorced her father, a Bengali Hindu. She trained as an architect before becoming a with her husband on a film. Electric Moon, commissioned by Channel 4 in 1992.

The couple live in Delhi. where Roy now contemplates her future. After the publica-Things she hinted that she might not write another novel. The novel's structure is comnlex. Devising this, Roy has said, is what occupied most of

the four-and-a-half years that

Gas bills could fall by £34 a year

Domestic gas bills could fall by up to £34 a year after Ofgas, the industry regulator, ordered BG, the former British Gas, to reduce the tariffs it charges for transporting gas through its pipeline.

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The ruling ended a two-year dispute between the gas regulator and BG......Page 27

Royal tribute

The Queen atoned on behalf of Britain yesterday for the 1919 Amritsar massacre with flowers, a minute's silence and a bow in bomage to the 379 peaceful demonstrators

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Harrods chief ordered staff to break into Rowland's deposit box, says Hamilton

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

MOHAMED AL FAYED was accused yesterday of ordering Harrods: the store described his staff to break open a safe deposit box at his Harrods store in London. The box was owned by his bitter business rival Tiny Rowland.

The claim was made by Neil Hamilton, former Conserva-tive MP for Tatton, during a two-hour appearance before the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee on the Mr Hamilton produced a

statement from Bob Loftus, a former director of security at Harrods, who claimed that Mr Al Fayed had ordered his employees, including a former Scotland Yard detective chief superintendent, to sift through the safe deposit box wearing plastic gloves from the store's food hall.

Scotland Yard confirmed last night that it was investigating the allegations but that no arrests had been made. The accusation was denied by Mr Loftus as a disgruntled former employee who had made false claims about the

store's management. Mr Rowland confirmed that he had a safe deposit box at the headquarters of his old adversary. The matter is in the hands of the police. I have gone with senior officers from Scotland Yard to retrieve what was left in my box," he said. The statement from Mr

Lottus, who was head of Harrods security from 1987 until last year, was read to the hearing only after urgent consultations between Mr Hamilton, who lost his seat over the cash-for-questions affair, and ed to Mr Hamilton's legal team some days earlier by Mr Rowland, the former Lonrho chief, who in the 1980s lost to Mr Al Fayed a bitter battle to

The statement formed a crucial part of Mr Hamilton's evidence to the committee in his effort to clear his name of the cash-for-questions claims. statement, Mr Hamilton said that on December 6, 1995, Mr Al Fayed, chairman of Harrods, became agitated when he discovered the identity of one of the holders of a deposit box in the Harrods bank. The businessman "berated" Mr Loftus for not telling him before because he wanted to

was Mr Rowland. Mr Hamilton, who lost his seat to Martin Bell, the BBC foreign correspondent, was responding to the report by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner, which concluded that there was compelling evidence he took up to £25,000 from Mr Al Fayed. The payments were

know what was in the box, Mr

Hamilton said. The individual

alleged to have been made in brown envelopes stuffed with £50 notes. He denied the

charge repeatedly yesterday. He read from the statement in which Mr Loftus claimed that Mr Al Fayed had told him to get full details of Mr Rowland's account. Later that month John McNamara, the present director of security of Harrods Holdings, visited Mr Loftus's office and indicated that Mr Al Fayed wanted access to the safe deposit box with the aid of a discreet locksmith.

When Mr Loftus protested this could not be done, Mr McNamara said twice: "If the chairman [Mr Al Fayed] wants it done, we do it." Members of the all-party

committee laughed when Mr Hamilton described the locksmith as "the unfortunately named Roy Hamilton — no relation".

Later, a spokesman for Mr MPs' hearing, page 12

Al Fayed said in a statement "Mr Loftus is a disgruntled former employee of Harrods. demanded substantial sums of money in advance of an industrial tribunal. He failed to obtain the sums of money he settled. Subsequently, Mr Loftus made a number of false allegations against the man-agement of Harrods, one of which was referred to by Mr

Neil Hamilton rejected the dismissal of Mr Loftus as a "disgruntled employee" and said that the store's former security chief would stand by the claims made at the committee hearing. "I know that Mr Loftus is prepared to stand it all up." he added, "and, as he is effectively incriminating himself, that is a powerful argument."

Jury acquits police marksman of murder

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SCOTLAND YARD marks-Bailey yesterday of killing a drive away in a stolen car.

PC Patrick Hodgson, 50, mitting murder in the course three times for shooting David Ewin, 38, a former robber, before a jury acquitted him after taking less than two hours to read a verdict. PC

Hodgson looked at the ceiling son, a firearms officer for and then nodded his thanks to the jury. Friends said he had been shattered by the case. He man was cleared at the Old had never fired his gun in anger and was only on patrol robbery suspect who tried to on the day of the shooting because of staff shortages.

PC Hodgson first stood trial was the first police officer in last December but the case modern times accused of com- was aborted. In April a second jury could not agree. Although of his duties. He stood trial the criminal case is over, he still faces an inquest and a civil action by Mr Ewin's family. The shooting took place in

February 1995 when PC Hodg-

more than 15 years, was part of the crew of an armed response vehicle which spotted a stolen Toyota sports car parked outside an off-licence in Barnes, South London, Mr Ewin was one of two men seen leaving the shop. During a confrontation, Mr Ewin shunted the car backwards and forwards in a bid to escape and nearly crushed the officer PC Hodgson fired his 9mm Glock handgun twice at

Mr Ewin, who died in hospital. During the trials the police

man said he fired because he believed his life and those of bystanders had been in danger. Mr Ewin had refused to stop and was driving the car "like a maniac". Mr Ewin had 40 convic-

tions. At the time of the shooting he was living in a prison hostel after being jailed for armed robbery. Blood tests showed he was over the alcohol limit for driving. Last night PC Hodgson was

suspended from further duties while the Yard and the Police Complaints Authority consid-



Hodgson: believed his

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Cash boost 'will prevent winter crisis in NHS'

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND IAN MURRAY

TONY BLAIR predicted yesterday that the health service would avoid a winter crisis after Gordon Brown announced an emergency £300 million for patient care. Despite claims that the NHS would still be £50 mil-

lion worse off than under Conservative plans because of increased inflation. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary. said the money would both help with imminent difficulties and improve practice in the long-term by providing better community services. The announcement coincid-

ed with Mr Blair's visit to London's Central Middlesex Hospital, which has made more beds available by moving elderly people to their own homes, where they recover with the help of social services

Mr Dobson said that he wanted to start breaking down the "Berlin wall" between the health service and social service departments. The money will go to health authorities but they will transfer it to social services where appro-

Mr Blair said the Government had kept a promise by from the Ministry of Defence

CUTBACKS in defence spending to bolster the NHS budget had already been drawn up by MoD officials (Michael Evans. defence correspondent. writes). After the Chancellor's order to pay back last year's £168 million overspending, a senior MoD official admitted that the cuts in "non-operational areas" had meant ministers taking 'painful but man-ageable" decisions.

providing the money and it was up to those running the NHS to improve it. No amount would ever be enough, but he believed the cash announced would avert a winter crisis.

The money-finding exercise, begun by Mr Dobson, Mr Brown and Mr Blair shortly after the election, has worried other ministers. The Chancellor raided other Whitehall budgets — notably Defence, and Trade and Industry — to secure the money that was needed to avert ward closures. Some £168 million came

Thanks, but not enough says BMA

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

DOCTORS' leaders welcomed ensure that we can carry out the extra money but warned it would not be enough to ensure there was no winter crisis in hospitals. The British Medical Association told the Government in the summer that £500 million was needed to avert a crisis this year and now believes that even that amount would not be enough.

James Johnson, chairman of the BMA's consultants and "We shall need to be extremely careful to be sure that this money is focused on opening up capacity so that we can be sure that people are not left lying for hours on trollies this year. We also need to have a small amount left over to

some of the non-urgent work, otherwise waiting lists are going to go into free-flight.
"If all that happens with this money is that hospital manag-ers use it to offset overdrafts it will disappear into a bottom-

less pit." Consultants from around the country had given the association a gloomy snapshot of the way the winter crisis lems. At the West Middlesex University Hospital in north London, overnight and lengthy trolley stays were now so routine that the meals service included trolleys in

corridors as part of its regular

in the form of a "fine" for overspending by that amount last year. Treasury sources gave a warning that other departments exceeding the targets of the Conservative Government for this and next year would be similarly

The money is on top of the extra £1.2 billion announced in the Budget for the NHS for next year's spending. Some E100 million came from Margaret Beckett's Trade and Industry budget out of savings on nuclear decommssioning, and E30 million from administrative savings agreed with the

The Chancellor justified raking money from the MoD budget, saying there was overspending on the ministry's budget under the last Government. "And it's right that we deal with every department in that way. Where there is overspending there has got to be this money taken back," he told BBC Radio 4's Today.

Mr Dobson said the money would help hospitals to keep services running seven rather than five days a week, stop beds from being closed and increase staffing. The money will also be used to work on rehabilitation in hospitals, and the Central Middlesex is a brilliant example of what is

The money would be used to develop pioneering new ap-proaches which will bring lasting benefits and help to break down the 'Berlin wall' between health and social services".

☐ The Institute for Fiscal Studies, the economics research group, said that the plan will provide real extra money without breaking the Government's tough spending (Alasdair Murray

But the IFS described some of the measures the Treasury has taken "as a bit of wheeze". In particular, the £102 million and Industry can be viewed as a painless paper transfer of funds. This money was provided in the DTI's budget as a "provision" to cover potential losses at the state-owned British Nuclear Fuels that did not



Glenda Jackson: "This Government is not anti-car just anti-over-dependence"

Car-makers criticise huge traffic forecasts

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND KEVIN EASON

MINISTERS were embroiled in a public battle with car makers yesterday over government forecasts of a huge increase in road traffic and their pledge to curb unneces-Sarv car use.

The motor industry reacted angrily to the prediction of a 38 20 years, which coincided with the opening of the London Motor Show, where 60 new models were on display.

Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, made clear that action will be taken by the Government to slow the

growth in the number of vehicles on Britain's roads. Ministers are preparing wideranging plans to change pub-lic attitudes to car travel. including the possible introduction of motorway tolls, congestion charging and park-

ing taxes in city centres. road traffic is predicted to increase by 38 per cent by 2016, and by 60 per cent by

However, Ernie Thompson, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "These Govern-

ment forecasts are much higher than we believe will actually happen. We forecast that average use of cars will actually come down and not go up by anything like these numbers." Glenda Jackson, the Minis-

ter for London Transport, at the show to launch an uptaxi, said: "This Government is not anti-car just anti overdependence on the use of cars. It is not a question of curbing cars but of providing real alternatives to people so that they do not have to use their. cars so often."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Released fans seek protection of press

Italian police last night followed the three English fans to a Rome hotel after they were released from the city's Central Regina Ceoli Prison, Mark Richens, Paul Walker and Chris Jackson said they were "absolutely petrified" that they would be beaten up again by police. All three men talked briefly to reporters who met them outside the jail. They asked them not to leave them alone in the city and reporters made arrangements for them to book into a hotel because they were released too late to catch a direct flight home. Mr. Richens, who runs the marketing agency in which all three are involved, said: "We've done absolutely nothing wrong. We've got responsible jobs and our business depends on our good reputation."

UN to investigate police

The United Nations is to investigate complaints of police harassment from lawyers defending IRA suspects. The harassment from lawyers defending IRA suspects. The lawyers claim they have been threatened and intimidated lawyers claim they have been threatened threatened. when visiting their clients, and have received threatening telephone calls. The UN said its special investigator on the independence of judges and lawyers would visit London next week and then Belfast. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said it would co-operate with his investigation.

New steps to fight fraud

New fraud courts with specially trained judges and a new right for prosecuting authorities to sue racketeers for multiple damages were called for by the Solicitor General last night. In his first big speech since taking office as the Government's junior law officer, Lord Falconer of Thoroton also confirmed the Government is looking at scrapping jury trial for complex fraud. He told City lawyers that the legal armoury on trand was outdated.

Hillsborough decision

Police involved in the Hillsborough disaster have dropped their action in the Court of Appeal against an award of more than £200,000 to a man whose teenage half-brother was among the 95 Liverpool fans to die in the 1989 disaster. John McCarthy, 36, a Liverpool season-ticket holder, won the damages in December for post-traumatic stress disorder.
The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police had agreed to pay Mr McCarthy's legal costs.

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'Body belt' convict died

A prisoner died after beneficield in a body belt restraint for 24 hours after struggling with prison officers, an Exeter inquest heard yesterday. Dennis Stevens, 29, was found dead in his cell at Dantaport prison in October 1995 with his hands manacled to his saids by a device criticised by the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman for Degrading Treatment. A few weeks previously Stevens had been a model prisoner.

Last post för labrador

A family dog with a dislike of postmen was ordered to be de-stroyed after its second attack in four years. Hanky Panky, a ten-year-old labrador cross, bit Tim Coysh's ankle while he was on his rounds in Tomes. Devon, causing a Zin wound. Elaine Enticknap. W. hamilted having a dog dangerously. discharge and banned from keeping dogs for two years.

Settlement over tackle

lan Knight, whose potential career as a Sheffield Wednesday and England footballer was destroyed by a tackle that shattered his leg in 1987, accepted an undisclosed sum in compensa-tion. At the High Court in Shelfield, Mr Knight accept ed the out-of-coulf settle ment of his negligence claim against the former Chester striker Gary Bennett and his club over the injuries sus-tained in an FA Cup tie.



Web style for students

Cigars are in and alcopops are out for university undergraduates, according to 4-D, an Internet magazine for students launched tomorrow by the publishers of The Times. The website explores essential lifestyle issues, including aris, sport, food and drink and travel. Some features come from The Times but much of the material is contributed by students. The website address is http://www.4-d.co.uk

Charity shuns tobacco funding

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's largest charities announced yesterday that it would no longer give grants to any research teams who receive funding from the tobacco industry. The Cancer Research Campaign, which is providing £49 million to scientists this year, decided to ban grants to faculties or departments "tainted by tobacco money" as part of its campaign against smoking, which kills 120,000

people a year in Britain.

The move was prompted by last year's announcement that British. American Tobacco was to give the University of Cambridge El.5 million to fund a chair of International Relations. After months of consultation with legal experts, the charity has drawn up a code of conduct for research institutions.

Faculties in about 20 universities are currently receiving funds from tobacco companies. The charity will honour all existing contracts, but will not extend them unless the faculties drop their tobacco funding first.

Announcing the ban, Dr Gordon McVie the campaign's director general said: "The tobacco industry has a long history of gaining respectability by funding research and facilities in our centres of academic excellence. Now it is only a matter of time before the practice stops and we break that addiction to tobacco funding." Tessa Jowell, the Health Minister preparing legislation to ban tobacco advertising and sponsorship, congratulated the compaign.

A spokesman for the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association said: "Our reaction is one of disappointment. We feel we are being tarnished by the insinuation that funding from the tobacco industry in the past to researchers has influenced their conclusions, which is totally untrue. A third of the population are our customers. There's a feeling of wanting to plough something back into the

Between 1988 and 1994, 269 research papers published in the UK acknowledged support from the industry.

Ex-MPs moving to Lords front bench

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

FORMER Tory MPs who stood down or were defeated at the last election have been given new jobs in a shake-up of the Opposition frontbench in the House of Lords. Lord Cope of Berkeley, the former Northavon MP and former junior Northern Ireland minister, is the senior spokesman on Northern Ireland, Lord Roberts of Conwy, the former Conwy MP and former Welsh minister, is the senior spokesman on Wales.

Sir Terence Higgins, the former Worthing MP and former chairman of the Treasury Select Committee, will shortly take up his seat in the Lords as senior spokesman on Social Security.
Lord Moynihan, the former
Sports minister who recently

won his right to the title, becomes the senior foreign office spokesman.



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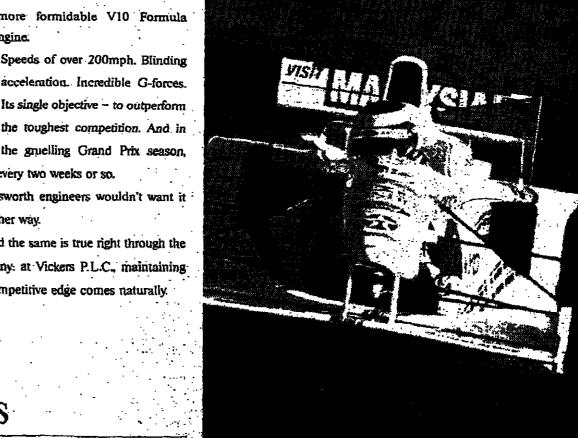
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Galliano opens his doors to bourgeoisie

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STYLE EDITOR, IN PARIS

JOHN GALLIANO joined the bourgeoisie yesterday, presenting a Parisian version of Hinge and Brackett in a recreation of a turn-of-century mansion. Models moved from boudoir to bathroom. practised at a grand piano and played billiards in his second ready-to-wear show for Christian Dior.

Galliano took a step closer to the French fashion establishment. Not only did he stage the show in the Carrousel du Louvre, Paris's purpose built catwalk venue — a break with his unusual venues of the past — but his collection was the most wear-

ackets with Dior pockets and gloved sleeves opened the first section of the show, "lunching out". Another, meetings", included high-waisted, loose, pinstriped trousers worn over, not under double-breasted jackets.

The collection was dominated by evening dresses,

Photographs by Simon Walker

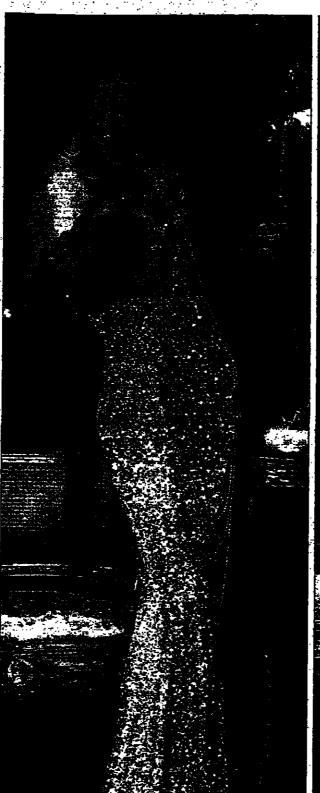
many of them a distillation of his last haute couture collection. Drapes of silver clung to the models and Indian jewellery, inspired by the Raj era, dripped from their

Show-stoppers included a lingerie-strap dress, encrusted with lilac silk herringbone fringing, with diamond patterns bared on the hips, and a long mermaid-line dress, embroidered with Art Deco designs in silver thread.

A shawl over-dress was worn with a silk sheath beneath, while Galliano's trademark bias-cut cocktail dresses had train-effect hems sweeping out from drape backs.

Whether today's bourgeois Parisians will buy Galliano's vision of their glamorous past is another matter. While Galliano's creativity is not in doubt, he has still to prove his ready-to-wear collections can be commercial.

With his move to Dior, the British designer has adopted a more conservative personal style. Yesterday, in place of were once his trademark, he wore a sober suit and his hai







Mother on £45,000 can spare nothing QUEEN OF for student son'

than £45,000 a year and living in a house worth £230,000 was in 1978.

Pleaded hardship yesterday and said that she could not 54, who declared himself bank-

afford to finance her son Margaret Macdonald, 53, from Edinburgh, is being sued by her son Patrick, 20, for £400-a-month living expenses while he completes his law degree at Aberdeen University. He left home to live with his father four years ago and has been estranged from his moth-

But at an interim hearing at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yes-terday, Jenny Gibbs, Mrs Macdonald's solicitor, said that "startling" though it might seem, Mrs Macdonald, a Scot-tick Office solicitor, was store tish Office solicitor, was strug-gling to make ends meet and had no money spare for main-tenance. "She is living at a level perilously close to the limit of her overdraft."

Since her acrimonious di-vorce in 1994, she had been the sole provider for her four other children. She was paying the E8,500 private school fees for the two youngest Susannah, 15, and David, I6, and the mort-

band's debts. Her last holiday

rupt after the divorce and is now an tinemployed advocate, had contributed nothing to the household, despite mainten-ance orders against him. Yet he had insisted the children stay at private school after he lost custody. He has since

remarried and separated.

Ms Gibbs claimed that Mrs

Macdonald usually had an overdraft of about \$2,000, although recently she had gone into credit because of a legacy, most of which had been spent. on urgent roof repairs. Her two oldest daughters, Emily, 18, and Caroline, 22, both at university in Edinburgh, had done part-time jobs to top up their grants.

Ms Gibbs argued that it was not reasonable to expect Mrs Macdonald to pay. Her son could finance his studies in other ways, through a student

loan or casual work, she said. ships. But the defendant is not an irresponsible, absent parbest for her children."

Martin Burns, Patrick Macdonald's solicitor, said his cli-ent claimed a full student grant of £1,739, but it barely covered was now in his third year and had survived thanks to a £5,000 legacy. He had a factory job over the Easter and summer holidays but still started college with an overdraft.

He needed the £400 a month for food, textbooks, stationery and travel expenses, Mr Burns said. His client had considered a student loan, but was reluctant to get into debt so early in

On face value Mrs Macdonald's accounts showed she had nothing to spare, but it was possible to see where she could spend "a wee bit less", Mr Burns said. The £600 a month on food and £120 phone bill ings could be made from the El00 a month for clothing.

When asked by Sheriff Daphne Robertson whether Patrick had investigated claiming maintainance from his only that Mr Macdonald se-

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discussing her career and characters at a Times/Dillon forum on October 23 at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1

at 7.30pm.

Tickets, which cost £10 (concessions £7.50), include £2 off the price of her new book, A Certain Justice.

They can be ordered on: 0171-467 1613 (fax 0171-467 1690) e-mail: orders@gower. dillons.org.uk

Neighbours' row costs £150,000

A 13-YEAR dispute between neighbours over a 3ft-wide strip of land ended yesterday at a total cost of at least £150,000.

Brian Connell and Ian Batchelor secured victory of a sort at the Court of Appeal over the 80ft-long boundary between their properties and a field belonging to Eric Tutt, a farmer, at Charadon, Buckinghamshire. But Mr Connell 62 said he would have to sell his handage business to finance the case, as eashing retifement investments.

The neighbours fought through a 31-

day county court hearing, spread over two and a half years. Finding for Mr Connell and Mr Batchelor, Lord Justice Pill said that the legal costs were "horri-

fyingly daunting even to contemplate".

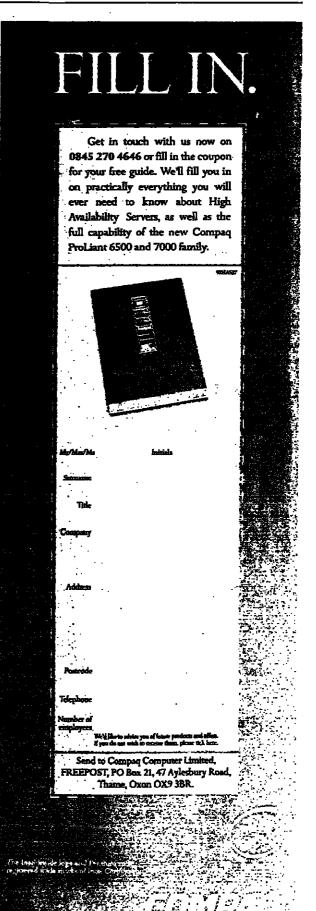
The disputed boundary between one of Mr Tutt's fields and the homes of Mr Batchelor and Mr Connell was 3ft at its widest, and the most contentious part was ift wide. Mr Tutt, who farms the 1,000-acre Middle Farm, claimed that the boundary should be further east while Mr Connell, of Chez Nous, and Mr Batchelor, of Regency Cottage, argued for a dividing line further west.

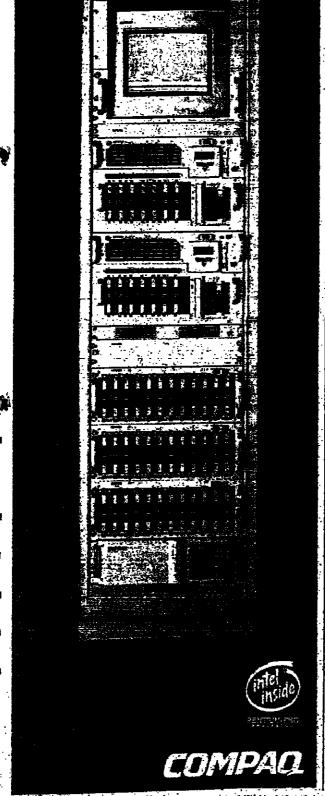
Judge Christopher Tyrer had ruled in Mr Tutt's favour at Milton Keynes County Court, but that decision was

overturned yesterday by the Court of Appeal. Lord Justice Pill said Judge Tyrer had had to cope with almost 300 photographs, together with many plans and diagrams and expert reports. As the case dragged on, Judge Tryer had "despaired" of its ever ending, commenting at one pearthwish." to have "a deathwish".

Lord Justice Pill, sitting with Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Waller, upheld the boundary line claimed by Mr Connell and Mr Batchelor. Mr Tutt was also ordered to pay Mr Batchelor £150

The judges ordered Mr Tutt to pay two thirds of the action's legal costs and Mr Batchelor and Mr Connell one third.





Violence by parents blamed for truancy

By DAVID CHARTER

ALMOST a quarter of children who play truant from school are suffering physical abuse at home, a survey for the charity ChildLine has

Bullying was the main reason for truancy, reported by 59 of the 200 youngsters surveyed. Of the 44 who said they could not face school because of violence at home. 13 were found to be suffering sexual abuse and 31 other physical abuse. Two of these children

had attempted suicide. Some of the children felt trapped, with one 12-year-old girl too scared to go to school because of bullies, and too scared to go home because her father would "strap" her for playing truant. Only 11 children blamed the difficulty of studying for missing

Valerie Howarth, the charity's chief executive, said schools should encourage truants to talk about their problems with a teacher or friend.

Stars spearhead drive for teacher excellence

CELEBRITIES from the worlds of entertainment, sport, business and politics are spearheading a £10 million campaign to avert an impending shortage of teachers and raise their status.

Cinema advertisements will feature 18 celebrities, including the Prime Minister, the England goalkeeper David Seaman and the actor John Cleese nominating their favourite teachers. Their message that "no one forgets a good teacher" is intended to transform the profession into one of the top three choices for graduates within five years.

The Teacher Training Agency, which launched the initiative at the British Library in London yesterday, is hoping to raise the standard of entrants to teaching at the same time as attracting many more applicants. The combination is seen as essential to enhancing the status of a profession increasingly shunned by the best-qualified graduates.

Plunging recruitment for sec-ondary school training courses has brought fears of renewed shortages in important subjects such as mathematics and the sciences. Of the main subjects. only history attracts more than

Tony Blair has made education one of his priorities and enlisted celebrities in a

cinema campaign, writes John O'Leary

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Anthea Millet, chief executive of

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two applicants for every place. The advertising campaign, which will run in 2,000 cinemas in England and Wales from Friday, also features the pop singer Skin, Bruce Oldfield, Michael Grade, Stephen Hawk-ing, Joanna Lumley, Sebastian Coe, Sir Terence Conran, Ben Elton, Bob Hoskins, Eddie Izzard, Steve McManaman, Jeremy Paxman, Sir David Puttnam, Anita Roddick and Sir David Attenborough.

Other elements of the initiative will include new fast-track courses for former teachers to return to the classroom and for graduates in other jobs to train on the job. There will also be a series of conferences aimed at attracting more members of ethnic minorities into teaching.

The targets set by the agency today also aim to ensure that by

attract the very best to the profession. That's the least we can ☐ teaching is among the top three

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Tony Blair, who nominates

Eric Anderson, his English teacher at Fettes College and now Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, as his most inspirational teacher, said: "I am passionate about education, and I hope that many people who feel the same will respond to the TTA's campaign and help to raise standards." Mr Blair welcomed his former

housemaster to Downing Street to help to publicise the campaign. At the Edinburgh independent school. Mr Anderson introduced him to his favourite novel, Ivanhoe, and directed him in a production of Julius Caesar. Mr Anderson joked that, watching the Prime Minister's dramatic performance at last week's Labour Party conference, "I thought what a good job I had done".

Teaching unions welcomed the initiative, but warned that improvements were necessary in the pay and conditions of teachers if targets were to be met. Nigel de National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women. Teachers, said: "Advertising must not be too far ahead of reality."



Tony Blair and his former housemaster, Eric Anderson, yesterday

Class acts who gave famous pupils a start

in the recruitment campaign is geography master David Jackson, who made a hig impression on Schastian Coe during his years at Tapton School, Sheffield.

Mr Jackson 58, who retired three years ago, said he was known as "a bit of a slavepass his examinations a year earlier than usual. "He always looked small for his age. but had the capacity to beat boys far better physically en-dowed because of his natural

Mr Jackson, who kept in touch with his star pupil, fondly recalled how sports hookmakers refused to accept a bet that Mr Coe would win a Los Angeles Olympics several years before the event

"He rang me up to tell me he had won the gold medal and I asked him what he thought as he crossed the line and he replied, 'I thought of all that money you could have

Bob Cox, a 59-year-old former PE teacher at Kimberworth Comprehensive School, was the teacher Engband goalkeeper David Sea-man liked best Mr Cox said: "He was a smashing lad who could have turned his hand to almost any sport. If he had of taken up golf, he would have hit it 250 yards.

"But, unlike some of the oung footballers you see who have blanks between the ears. he was also very brainy." The Liverpool and England midfielder Steve McMana

man nominated Noel O'Neill who coached the St John's junior school football team in Kirkdale, Liverpool, Mr O'Neill said: "I'm dumb-founded that he nominated me. There's nothing special about my life - I'm just an "I noticed Steve when he first came into the 7 to 8-yearold juniors. His ball control. dribbling in the yard at playtime, was phenomenal. But we decided not to exploit him and put him with the older boys until he was mentally ready for it.

"He was never arrogant, he was the sort of bloke of that age you'd be quite happy to

Ben Elton's favourite teacher. Gordon Vallins, 63, directed the author and comedian in school plays between 1977 and 1978 at South Warwickshire College of Education (now Stratford upon Avon

College). Mr Vallins said: "He was highly individualistic, energetic and the only student who wrote two full-length

indie rockers Skunk Anansie, nominated Rath Webb, her Martin-in-the-Field School at Tulse Hill, South London. "I knew her by another name, but I will help to keep hersecret," said Ms Webb, now a. schools inspector.

"If she were on Radio 3 I'd probably know a lot more about her music. I taught her in the 1980s when she was a lively, somewhat mischievous, first-year student."



Sebastian Coe: teacher

Ain't no point in grammer lessons

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT.

A THIRD of secondary schools fail to give explicit lessons in grammar, punctuation and spelling, the Queen's English Society said yesterday. In a survey of English teachers, one in 20 criticised colleagues with a poor grasp of formal language for perpetuating students' problems.

This was borne out by some of the written replies to the survey. The society noted numerous errors, including one reply with seven mistakes in 15 lines. This teacher said: Grammar is boring and irrelevant. Students to whom grammer [sic] may be important subconsciously gain an under-standing of it."

Another said that it was not his job to improve any thing or anyone, but to reconcile human beings to the world. Another said: "Y do not think that teaching spelling rules is helpful, as

there are so many exceptions to the rules. A total of 318 teachers replied to the survey. Most preferred to teach language issues as they arose in teenagers' work, and no difference was found between comprehensive and grammar schools in the amount of time spent on

explicit grammar, punctua-

tion and spelling lessons.

One in five pupils starting secondary school was said to have poor literacy standards, which teachers blamed on the video culture and lack of encouragement. to read. The biggest factor bolding back the improvement of standards at secondary school was said to be class size. The society. which promotes accurate formal English, called for annual grammar, spelling and punctuation tests to monitor pupils perfor

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An artist's view of the Amritsar massacre in 1919, when British troops shot protesters

Queen heals open wound of Amritsar

Christopher Thomas reports on the most successful

day so far of the royal tour to India and Pakistan

Classag" THE Queen atoned on behalf of Britain yesterday for the Jailianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar, one of the greatest atrocities of the Raj, with flowers, a minute's silence and a bow in homage to the dead.

The poignancy of the gesture touched India, and especially Punjab, healing a wound untended for 78 years.

She walked down the same

alleyway through which 50 soldiers commanded by Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer can to take up positions at the entrance to the small square in 1919. The soldiers formed a semi-circle and fired on hundreds of peaceful demonstrators until 379 lay dead and at least 1,200 injured.

There are still bullet holes in the walls surrounding the square, but the Queen did not stop to examine them in a brisk walk round what is now a memorial park. She slowed as she passed a huge well, from which 120 bodies of people trying to estape the bullets were retrieved; but did not look into its depths. The demonstrators had been pro-Englishmen were killed. Yesterday the Duke of Edinburgh paused to read a notice at the entrance of the park. declaring: This place is saturated with the blood of about 2,000 Hindu, Sikh and Mus-: lim patriots who were martyred in a non-violent struggle to free India from British domination." He expressed surprise at the stated number of casualties, which does not

tally with the official toll, and

inquired: "It wasn't 2,000, was

the Duke of Edinburgh left the park, they signed the visitors' book but wrote nothing in the comments column. This was the most success

ful and moving portion of the state visit to Pakistan and India so far, and certainly the most enthusiastic. They were greeted on the journey from the airport to a rousing recep-tion by thousands of schoolchildren cheering and waving
The royal couple walked to a flags. Amritsar was festooned

6 Brass bands played. Sikhs gave the couple a warm welcome, and history seemed cleansed of a stain 9

shrine in the centre of the park, where they laid a wreath and stood silently for one minute. Sikh organisations tions in support of demands for an outright apology announced hours earlier that they were calling off their protests bécause the Queen had come so close to apologis

with welcoming signs draped brass bands played, Sikh religious leaders gave the couple a seemed suddenly cleansed of a

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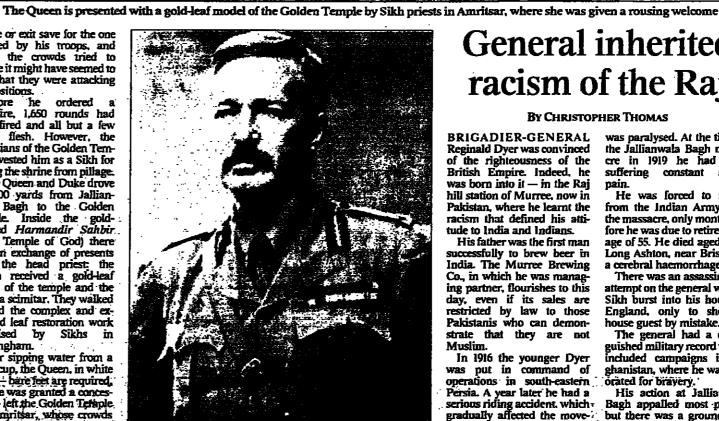
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blocked by his troops, and when the crowds tried to escape it might have seemed to him that they were attacking his positions.

Before he ordered a ceasefire, 1,650 rounds had been fired and all but a few found flesh. However, the guardians of the Golden Temple invested him as a Sikh for saving the shrine from pillage. The Queen and Duke drove the 300 yards from Jallian-

wala Bagh to the Golden Temple. Inside the goldcovered Harmandir Sahbir (Holy Temple of God) there was an exchange of presents with the head priest the Queen received a gold-leaf model of the temple and the Duke a stimutar. They walked around the complex and examined leaf restoration work organised by Sikhs in

After sipping water from a silver cup, the Queen, in white socks — bare feet are required. but she was granted a conces-sion — left the Golden Tetaple and Amritsar, whose crowds



Dyer: forced to resign from the army after massacre

General inherited racism of the Raj

By Christopher Thomas

BRIGADIER-GENERAL Reginald Dyer was convinced of the righteousness of the British Empire. Indeed, he was born into it — in the Rai hill station of Murree, now in Pakistan, where he learnt the racism that defined his attitude to India and Indians.

His father was the first man ccessfully to brew beer in India. The Murree Brewing Co., in which he was manag ing partner, flourishes to this day, even if its sales are restricted by law to those Pakistanis who can demonstrate that they are not

In 1916 the younger Dyer operations in south-eastern Persia. A year later he had a serious riding accident, which gradually affected the movement of his lower limbs. He ars sick leave in England but insisted on returning to India. By 1921 he the then huge sum of £26,000.

was paralysed. At the time of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919 he had been suffering constant severe

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He was forced to resign from the Indian Army after the massacre, only months before he was due to retire at the age of 55. He died aged 62 in Long Ashton, near Bristol, of a cerebral haemorrhage. There was an assassination

attempt on the general when a Sikh burst into his house in England, only to shoot a house guest by mistake.

The general had a distinguished military record which included campaigns in Afghanistan, where he was decrated for brayery.

His action at Jallianwala Bagh appalled most people. but there was a groundswell of sympathy. The Morning Post launched a fundraisi campaign, which produced

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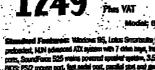
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Doubts remain over Rikki care services

SOCIAL services managers were severely criticised yesterday over the death of six-yearold Rikki Neave. A Department of Health report highlighted "serious failures" in Cambridgeshire County Council's child protection services and said there were still "deep concerns" about its ability to protect vulnerable children.

Sir Herbert Laming, chief inspector of the department's Social Services Inspectorate, said: "At this time I cannot be confident that children at risk in the county are safe from significant harm or neglect. Some progress has been made and I know that recently appointed senior managers are now taking a constructive and positive approach.

The council has accepted the need to implement our recommendations in full. We will go back to see they do." Paul Boateng, a junior health minister, accused the council of a legacy of incom-

petence" at senior levels. Rikki's family renewed their

calls for a public inquiry to force former council execurives, who have since left for other positions, to be made accountable. Sandra Chesney. the boy's aunt, described them as "rats abandoning a sinking

Rikki was found strangled in woodland near his home in was three, turned him out of the house in his pyjamas early on a December morning. Rikki had been placed on an at-risk register several months before he died. Neave had repeatedly asked social workers to take her son into care after threatening to kill him.

week inspection at the coun-

Cambridge, highlights "seri-

ous failures" in child protec-

tion services. It says more than

two years passed after Rikki's

death before the council drew

up proposals to deal with

flaws in its child protection

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6 At this time I cannot be confident that children on the at-risk register in Cambridgeshire are safe from

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Peterborough in November 1994. His mother, Ruth, 29. was cleared of his murder last year but jailed for seven years after admitting five charges of cruelty to Rikki and two of his sisters. Neave, a drug abuser. had burnt one daughter's hand with a cigarette, squirted washing-up liquid down Rikki's throat and, when he

have fallen behind schedule. Sir Herbert said: "Despite past statements by the council. serious and deep concerns remain about its ability to protect vulnerable children. Dedicated frontline staff have struggled to do their best. Their efforts have been frus-The report from the inspectrated by an absence of direction, effective procedures and

efficient management." The report says the social services department had no clear child protection policy; managers had not appeared to take decisive action in teams with substantial problems; and some "chronically neglected children" were not being

properly protected.

It calls for decisive action if a team of social workers cannot cope: reviews of staff workloads and the way resources are distributed; more training in tackling hostile and uncooperative parents; and child protection training for all staff

who need it. Rikki's grandfather, Maurice Harvey, of March, Cambridgeshire, yesterday called



Rikki Neave, who was strangled, was on a risk register. His mother had asked for him to be taken into care

for a public inquiry after turning up uninvited with other members of the family to said: The people at the top should have been sacked, but instead they have all moved on to cushy, well-paid jobs. Only

a public inquiry will force them to tell what really went

Brian Waller, who has been acting head of the social services department for two weeks, said people had to

managers since Rikki's death. A council spokesman added that none had been given "golden handshakes" and that management had been completely overhauled. Mr Waller said: "It is quite

happened in the past will be Daily scheduled put right by next spring. There is a commitment to turn it into flights from : the best social services London Luton.

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Mr Boateng is to meet senior councillors today to discuss the report. He said: "I

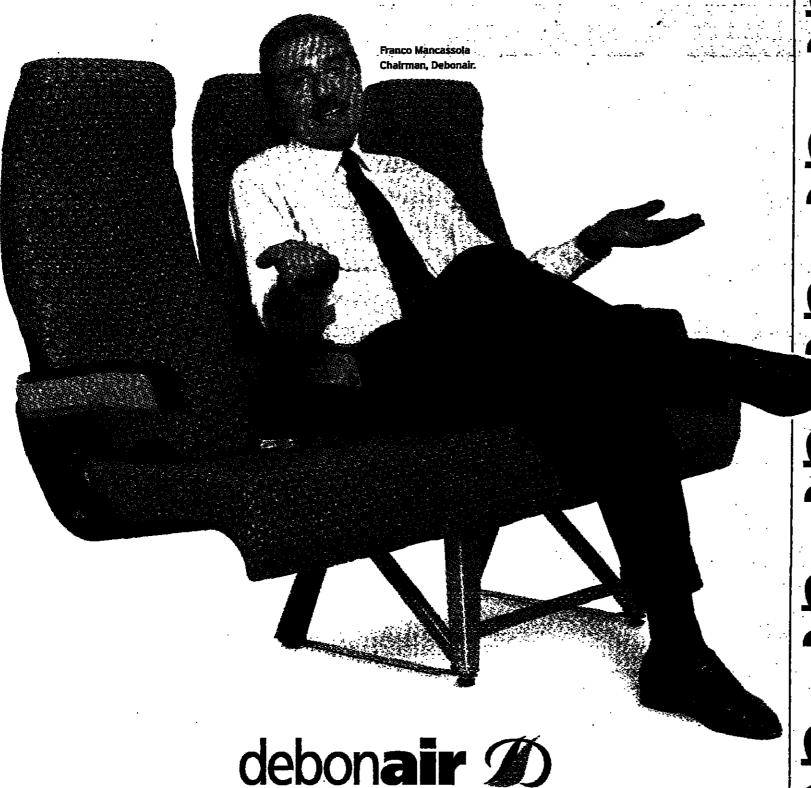
want a pledge that the council will accelerate its action plan. Vital and robust measures are needed to protect children from the evil of abuse."

Last year a report by the Bridge Child Care Consultan cy was also critical of the social services department. There was further dismay when it was revealed that a former senior manager had been systematically abusing children in his care.

Ruth Neave's solicitor, Paul Bacon, said that, during the trial, social workers had told about management

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comment yesterday. Ted Unsworth was the man who took over from Mr Kubisa. He became Director of Social Services at the beginning of the year, during the period covered by the inquiry, which criticised the slow pace of improvements. Last month he quit his £70,000-a-year job to become adviser to the board of trustees of the national alcohol and drugs charity Turning

Mr Unsworth, 54, had spent 20 years with the council. His office at Turning Point said that he had asked for calls to be referred back to the coun-

At the time of Rikki's death, Matt Bukowski was social services director for north Cambridgeshire. He has since left to become Director of Social Services in Lincolnshire, and yesterday declined

Gordon Lister was the

heart of the case

£95,000-a-year chief executive of the council when the Neave scandal occurred. He left last month, to take up a post as chief executive of the Papworth Trust in Cambridgeshire, a charity that helps disabled people. He was unavailable for comment yes-

terday. Debbie Lawson and Linda Marshall the case workers for Rikki Neave, and Sue O'Halloran, the practice manager, have also left; Ms Lawson is a social worker for a **Buckinghamshire** County Council. Ms Marshall works in the private sector.

Three other social workers who were suspended have been reinstated. Other senior officers are having to re-apply for their jobs.



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Dying woman wants drugs-aided death

Emma Wilkins reports on a motor

neurone disease sufferer seeking a

ruling on a painless end to her life

wants her doctor to administer drugs which could bring her suffering to a painless end, the High Court in London was

Annie Lindsell, 47, who has motor neurone disease, did not want to spend her last days receiving life-prolonging treatment in a hospice. Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, her counsel, said.

She is seeking a declaration from Sir Stephen Brown, the President of the Family Division, that her GP. Simon Holmes, may lawfully administer diamorphine, a potentially lethal painkiller, with the purpose of removing her distress when her condition deteriorates. Miss Lindsell, who arrived in court in a wheelchair, has a fear of not being able to speak or swallow once

A TERMINALLY ill woman The prognosis for motor neurone disease is gradual paralysis, with death probably coming from suffocation as the chest muscles collapse.

Dr Holmes, who supports Miss Lindsell's wishes, wants the law clarified so that he will not face the threat of prosecution in the event of her death.

"Dr Holmes is willing to give this treatment and considers it ethically correct to do so, if and only if he has some assurance given by the law that he will not be guilty of culpable homicide," Lord Les-

At the moment doctors may lawfully administer potentially lethal doses of medication as long as the intention is to relieve pain or distress. If the intention is to kill the patient, the doctor could be charged with murder.



Annie Lindseil: future is gradual paralysis

law on mercy killing. Because of its importance, Sir Stephen has invited the Official Solicitor and the Attorney-General to be represented in court.

Miss Lindsell had just started her own business in 1992 when she learnt that she had motor neurone disease. She is at present cared for by Ron Hicks, her partner of 19 years, at their home in Teddington, southwest London. She has already outlived the average survival period of three years. Lord Lester said

Holmes to administer the drug when she lost her ability to swallow and when her anticipation of further deterioration caused her "severe mental distress accompanied by physical pain".

Lord Lester said that the case could proceed only if there was a body of medical pinion that supported Miss Lindsell's case that she should be allowed a peaceful death and not spend her last days in a hospice receiving life-prolonging treatment.

He asked for an adjournment so that an independent medical witness who believed in alternatives to traditional hospices could be called to give evidence in support of Miss Lindsell's case.

Granting the adjournment, Sir Stephen offered Miss Lindsell his sympathies. "It is a very distressing case and I'm conscious of the position of the plaintiff. I feel she should understand that she has the court's very genuine sympa-

The case was adjourned to a



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Art goes west in protest over gallery charges

BRITAIN'S difficulty became Ireland's opportunity last night when the art historian Sir Denis Mahon presented three Baroque paintings originally destined for Liverpool to the National Callery of Ireland in Dublin.

Sir Denis, 86, added the three paintings to his original bequest of five Old Masters as a protest against the introduction of a E3 entrance fee at Liverpool's Walker Gallery. He said yesterday that the museum's insistence on introducing fees forced him to send his collection abroad.

Why should I present my pictures to a museum that charges people to see item? It ingly common view that a is wrong to charge people to gallery is a tourist attraction see what they, as taxpayers, and tourists can afford to pay. already own. In Ireland it is lt is not. It is an archive and different there is legis that makes charging very difficult. There was no compromise in Britain, so I am glad to see them in Dublin."

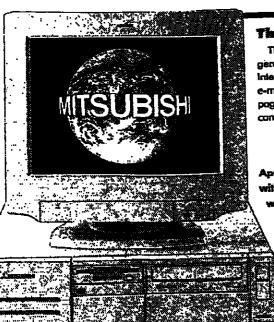
The three 17th-century paintings. Saint John the Baptist visited in Prison by Salome by Guercine, Land-scape with Saint Bruno in Ecstasy, by Pier Francesco Mola: and Venus, Mars and the Forge of Vulcan, by Luca Giordano, were originally to have formed part of Sir De-

Old Masters to the British nation. They will now be housed in the north wing of the Dublin museum.

The Irish Government recently passed the Cultural bids gallery governors and guardians from introducing entrance fees without first receiving the backing of both houses of Parliament.

Describing the Irish legisl fion as far-sighted, Sir Denis said the British Government needed to fund galleries properly so that they were not dependent on public monies. He said: "There is an increasit is fantastical that anyone would try and financially cripple them."

Sergio Benedetti, senior curator at the Irish gallery, said that Sir Denis's bequest would greatly enhance their collection of 300 Baroque paintings, which has grown considerably this century due to the generosity of such benefactors as George Bernard Shaw and Sir Alfred and Lady Beit.



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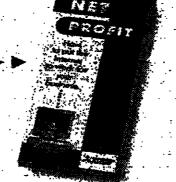
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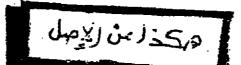
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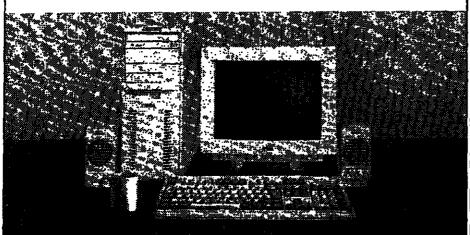
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Blair's 'drugs czar' hopes ' to silence the siren voices

Hardliner feels that cannabis campaigns and

pop icons are a danger, reports

Valerie Elliott

BRITAIN'S first "drugs czar" pledged yesterday to target pop icons who highlighted the supposed benefits of drugs, and said that campaigners for the legalisation of cannabis sometimes helped pushers to lure the young to their side.

The warnings by Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable of West Archivers and the constable of the consta West Yorkshire, came as he was formally appointed as Tony Blair's £103,000-a-year Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator to spearhead national campaigns. He will take up the post in the new year. His deputy, who will be paid £45,000, is to be Michael Trace, director of the Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners

treatment programmes in Brimin and the United States. The Prime Minister was keen to combine the expertise of both men, in law enforcement and treatment, to put forward a co-ordinated strate real progress in reducing drug misuse, especially among the young. The Anti-Drugs Coordinator is a key post which will help to drive our efforts and galvanise the work which is already under way."

Trust. He has worked on

It is clear that ministers were attracted to both men's hardline stance against drugs. Mr Hellawell, who will have direct access to the Prime Minister, yesterday robustly opposed legalisation of cannabis. He said that he welcomed informed debate, but objected to misleading headlines. Asked about a recent cam-

paign in the Independent on Sunday for the legalisation of cannabis, he said: "The people who are peddling these things love these campaigns, so they can go into the playground and exert their pressure on young people to get involved."

icons to use "better judgment" in their comments on drugs. All available evidence showed that cannabis was dangerous



drive, work on machinery or take examinations while under its influence. People called for legalisation when they thought there was nothing left to tackle the problem. but there was plenty for the Government to do, Mr Hella-

A key part of the strategy will be to ensure that young people have a clear message. Mr Hellawell, 56, who has three children and five grand-children, said he had discussed drugs with his older grandchildren, aged seven

had always been straightforward and honest". He advised all parents to "listen to your children and be prepared to talk about things that make them uncomfortable and frightened." Mr Trace has

children aged 18 and eight. Mr Hellawell, who has been Chief Constable for West Yorkshire for seven years, also criticised people who thought there was a competition between treatment and enforcement. Treatment was not a soft option for drug abusers, he said. He accepted a link drugs, and said the important factor was for people to have a

He hopes to develop a new

and that people should not strategy in the next three months, and said it needed to reduce the demand for drugs and to protect and influence young people, sending out a clear message for teachers, parents and youth leaders. The two men will work as expert advisers inside the Central Drugs Co-ordinating Unit

in the Cabinet Office. They have no new cash and must insure that present resources are spent properly. A first task will be to find outhow much is being spent on

the drugs effort in that public sector and by voluntary groups, and whether it is being spent wisely. Ann Taylor, Leader of the

House of Commons, who chairs the Cabinet sub-committee on drugs, said that the task facing Mr Hellawell and Mr Trace was not easy. Echoing Mr Blair's comment about how to tackle crime, she said: We need to ensure that we are tough on drug misuse but also tough on the causes of drug

JOKE TITLE WITH A PROUD TRADITION

Czar or tsar is an absurdly pretentious title for the leader of an official British administrative campaign (Phillip Howard writes). It and its cognates, such as Kaiser and Tsarina, are derived from the patrician family name of Julius Caesar of the gens Julia, one of the most ancient clans in Rome. When Julius Caesar died. his proper name was adopted by the Roman emperors, beginning with Augustus, son of the niece of Julius. It was retained with obdurate superstition until the

fall of the Holy Roman Empire. The title then came to be adopted by various European countries with minor changes of spelling. The Slavic version Cesare was intro-duced into Russia in the 15th century as a little. The word, first spelled *tsear*, was applied to all Russian rulers after Ivan the Terrible assumed it officially to describe his rule as King of Poland. Pop American thriller-writers adopted the word to describe an all-powerful crime boss, and Hollywood

used it for studio chiefs such as Sam Goldwyn. To describe Keith Hellawell as a czar is a further pejoration of the proud name of Caesar, a hyperbole and a joke.

Teenage addiction to heroin is rising

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE agenda for Keith Hellawell will be shaped by Home Office drug figures published yesterday. They last year in heroin and cocaine addicts and evidence of The number of addicts registered and recieving treat-The true total is probably more than 150,000. Many addicts do not reach the National Health Service until they can no longer cope with feeding their habit or are arrested. Once registered there are still too few places offering full treatment.

The figures also show that the number of new addicts iged under 21 rose last year by 35 per cent to 3,984 and most are hooked on heroin. Methadone is offered on the NHS as an alternative drug to heroin, but the figures show that there is growing addiction to it and that it is being sold on the black market.

After more than a decade of publicity and education aimed at curbing hard drug use, Mr Hellawell will face decisions about a new education drive. There are now at 🖪 least four million cannabis users, including children as young as 13 or 14, and he must advise the Government on how to approach this problem as new pressures emerge for a relaxation of the law. Mr Hellawell's previous

job as national police spokesman on drugs will have epared him for the role. Regional crime squads now spend 75 per cent of their time fighting the drug gangs. Last year customs officers seized a record 79 tonnes of drugs worth £500 million. Police squads made a 41 per cent increase in heroin seizures into Britain through Turkish gangs. In Mr Heliawell's own force the drug was being sold for as little as £10.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moscow drug case deferred

A British teenager accused of drugs trafficking has had her case delayed again after her lawyer was taken ill and failed to attend a Moscow court yesterday.

Karen Henderson, 19, who has been held in harsh conditions at Moscow remand prisons for 20 months, could face a long sentence in a work camp if found guilty of sonuggling 10lb of cocaine through Moscow airport. Her case is to resume on November 19.

Bubble trouble

Teletubbles bubble bath has been taken off shop shelves after fears that young children might pull the heads off the plastic figures on the cap. A Telebubbies spokesman said that the move was "purely precautionary".

Accident ruling

A faulty lamp used to connect Christmas tree lights was to blame for the electric shock that killed six-year-old Cara Weatherstone, of Hornsea East Riding, last December Richard Butler, the Hull Coroner, ruled. Verdict: accident.

Refunds return

Council tax payers in Somerset have returned more than £30,000 in refunds to the county council to avoid cuts in education and social services. The council has been told to refund £3.5 million after exceeding spending limits.

ICI fined

ICI was fined £7,000 with £2,100 costs at Middlesbrough for leaking four tonnes of acrylic waste into the Tees in January. The spill from its Billingham works needed 25 tankers to clear up. but did not damage wildlife.

Rolling in aisles

Tesco has recruited the first of half a dozen staff on skates to speed to customers' aid in its vast new 92-till store at Pitsea, Essex. Equipped with pagers, they will check missing bar codes, collect forgotten items

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Rising violence defies iren von general fall in crime

BURGLARIES and car crime are falling but violence is on the increase, according to the latest figures for serious recorded crime in England and Wales issued yesterday by the Home Office.

Overall the figures reveal a all of 55 per cent to 4.8 milnitted between June 1996 and lune this year. This is the first ime the total has fallen below ive million since 1989. Only ive forces — the Metropolitan folice, Sussex, Gwent, North Vales and Norfolk - recordd any increases.

According to the figures, property crime was down per cent to 4.4 million ofences. Burglaries on homes hopped 10 per cent to 568,000 and car crime fell by 9 per cent 3 1.2 million. All but four of he 43 police forces showed a all in burglaries and 36 eported less car crime.

But the figures also show a 2 per cent rise in violent rime to 348,000 offences, actuding a 7.5 per cent inrease in assaults to 246,000 ases. The total includes 1.300 serious assaults regardas life threatening. They ose by 10 per cent.

Police also logged a 6.6 per ant rise in sexual assaults to 2,500 cases. This included a per rise in rapes, to 6,300 uses, which may be attributole partly to 320 male rape uses registered under new gislation. Rape cases have

past 10 years, partly because of not represent an increase sponses, but the number reported may still represent only 10 per cent of the total.

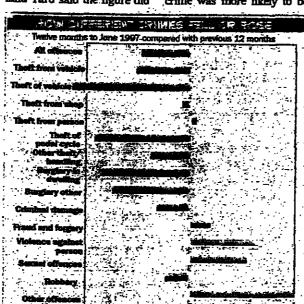
The only category of violent crime that fell in the 12 months was robbery, which mainly covers maggings. These dropped by 25 per cent to 70,500. In the previous 12 months they had risen by

14.8 per cent.
The Home Office figures show a 4.8 per cent rise for recorded crime in the Metropolitan Police area, but Scot-land Yard said the figure did

more sympathetic police re- under its new computerised recording system because the two accounting systems were not comparable

Commenting on the figures, Chris Nuttall, director of research and statistics at the Home Office, said that the changes in property and violent crime could be linked to increased consumption of alcohol, spurred by economic

More money meant more drinking and this led to more violence. He said drug-related crime was more likely to be



linked to theft and burglary. Burgiaries generally fell in times of economic recovery.

He said violent offences had been rising since the Second World War and had rarely fallen. On average, there had been an annual rise of about 6.5 per cent in violent crime

over the last 50 years.

Mr Nuttall admitted that the figures did not give a full picture of crime in Britain and said that there could be as many as 60 million crimes each year. He said the latest British Crime Survey in 1996 showed about 19 million crimes each year against households and the figures did not include the total crime against businesses. Many crimes were not reported and the Home Office statistics ignored others.

Next year the Home Office is launching a new accounting system which will increase the number of reported crimes by up to one million. For the first time the figures will include common assault, assault on a constable, dangerous driving, possession of drugs and tampering with vehicles

Some groups of crimes will be divided into separate of-fences in an attempt by ministers to make the figures representative of victims. Alum Michael, the Home Office minister responsible for the police, said that, when some one broke into 20 cars in a car park, this would no longer be registered as a single offence.



Signs of confusion: depot worker Susan Pentrey with some of the confiscated warnings found at roadsides

Warning – there's a joke ahead

IT IS a sight that can leave puzzled drivers reaching doubtfully for their Highway Code, or wondering if they have been on the road too long. Around Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, new roadsigns have been alerting motorists to the unexpected dangers of penguins, ghosts and sharks.

Others have featured a daisy-like flower, a fishbone, a jigsaw piece and a created on red-bordered triangles, are the work of an unknown artist whose jokes started appearing a fortnight ago. Now

he has defied his most challenging critics by creating a sign featuring the local highways chief, and delivering it personally to the county highways depot.

The man walked into the depot at Bourton-on-the-Water, handed a brownpaper parcel to the receptionist, then left smiling. When staff opened the parcel, they found a triangular sign bearing a picture of their boss, the divisional veyor Lawrence Elcocks.

"It was a very good cartoon of him instantly recognisable," said David Flagg, an administration manager at the

did not get a description, although she can remember the smile as he left."

A dozen of the signs have been put into storage in the Bourton depot; workers do not have the heart to destroy them because they are so good. Mr Flagg said: "We shall probably bring them out on display when we hold open days for the public. They are excellent works of art. Theoretically, if we ever find out who is responsible, we could prosecute him for putting up illegal road signs, but we

Progress forces police horsemen to dismount

By Paul WILKINSON

URHAM Constabulary yes- urban forces still rely on day became the latest police ce to stand down its mountsection in favour of new hnology. Of the 43 forces in gland and Wales, only 18 ll continue to run a mounted

But the day of the police rse is not yet done. Earlier s year, West Yorkshire ice decided to introduce. united patrols on the streets a Leeds estate plagued by. soccer matches, where the of the horses has a iming effect. In Co Durham. nere the only league team is irlington, with crowds rare-

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mounted officers while rural ones have less need for them." Eddy Marchant, Durham's in town centres can be better Deputy Chief Constable, said: The effectiveness of mounted patrols has been gradually overtaken by advancing technology. The reality is a heli-. copter or aeroplane can now



for big football matches

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operate more effectively in searches for missing people, while public-order problems monitored by [closed-circuit] television cameras.

While the operational uses of horse are becoming much more limited, their ceremonial and public relations value is justified in strict operational terms, and momes saved the unit will allow us to improve other services we

The section's four consta bles and their civilian groom will be moved to new jobs, and their horses. Baron, Viscount Marquis and Prince Bishop, will be given free to a suitable home. Mr Marchant said: They will get the best of care and will not be sold on after what has been many years of sterling service."

WPC tells tribunal of sexual bullying

A policewoman told an indusgot worse after she made a

subjected to a simulated sex ordeal by a drunken male officer while a colleague watched and gave marks out of ten. She said the officer also dropped his trousers in front mocked by a cartoon about her depression and a photograph of male colleagues with

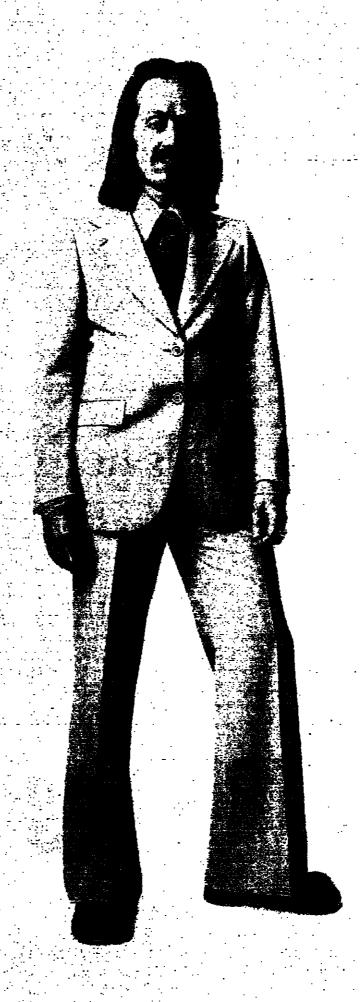
The tribunal at Southampton was told that WPC Evans was the victim of a bullying campaign between August 1993 and March this year at the CID office in Ryde, Isle of

The married mother of two is claiming sexual discrimination against the Hampshire Constabulary. By October 1996 she could take the abuse no longer and made a formal

Yesterday she explained that, within hours of turning to senior officers, Hampshire Police had taken swift action to transfer two popular detectives away from the station. WPC Evans, of Ryde, told the hearing this had not been her intention and the bullying became much worse and quite

She said: When it hanpened, it made things much worse for me. It had stirred up a homers nest and I was left. me to deal with it."

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Sir Gordon's report in

March cleared the former

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Howard, of allegations by Mr Fayed that he took El.5 million

in bribes from Tiny Rowland, former managing director of

Lonrho, through an interme-

Mr Fayed alleges the bribe

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ter, in exchange for opening a

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Fraser takeover by the Fayed

in a legal action which

raises the important constitutional issue of whether the

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er's actions can be reviewed by

the courts, Mr Al Fayed, owner of Harrods sought to

challenge the report in the High Court.

But in his ruling in April Mr Justice Sedley held that he did

not have jurisdiction over Sir

Gordon's actions as he an-

swers directly to Parliament.

Today, David Pannick, QC.

counsel for Mr Fayed, the

owner of Harrods, will appeal against Mr Justice Sedley's

ruling.

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'Al Fayed is a liar and he has cost me everything'

NEIL HAMILTON'S claim about the sanctity of Harrods safe-deposit boxes dramatically turned the tables on Mohamed Al Fayed yesterday. It came at the end of a statement lasting two hours and 20 minutes, made to the Commons standards and privileges committee as Mr Hamilton sought to clear his name of the cash-for-questions allegations which have dogged him since 1993.

in his opening statement, made under oath in the full glare of the television cameras. Mr Hamilton repeatedly attacked the credibility of Mr Fayed and his employees as witnesses. It was two of Mr Al Fayed's secretaries who told Sir Gordon Downey's inquiry that, during the 1980s, they stuffed brown envelopes full of E50 notes for Mr Hamilton. and the Downey report concluded that there was "compelling evidence" that Mr Hamilton took up to £25,000 from the Harrods owner.

Allegations by Mr Al Fayed caused four ministers, including Mr Hamilton, to resign from the previous Government. While the other former MPs censured by Sir Gordon have apologised in written submissions, Mr Hamilton requested his "day in court". His redoubtable wife. Christine, was in the front row of

the public seats. Mr Hamilton was tense at the beginning of his evidence. but notably relaxed as the hearing continued. He said that the evidence about the

Andrew Pierce reports as MPs are asked to pick

who took the money and who opened the box

Fayed and his employees worked together to do things which are improper. I never took cash for questions."

When he began reading a signed statement by Bob Loftus, head of security between 1987-96, he was ordered to stop by Robert Sheldon, the committee chairman, who feared it would prejudice an outstanding libel trial involv-ing Mr Al Fayed. After consultations with his legal team, Mr Hamilton proceeded.

Mr Loftus's job had included responsibility for the safe-deposit boxes at the store. It was only after Mr Al Fayed saw video footage of Tiny Rowland in December 1995 that he realised his old foe had a safe-deposit box there. Within minutes, the plot had been hatched to break into it. John McNamara, current

director of security at Harrods, was allegedly brought in to ensure that the break-in went ahead. There were documents and tapes inside. The box was first opened in December 1995, five years after a damning report

and Industry into the Al Fayed brothers' 1984 takeover of House of Fraser, which then included Harrods. Mr Rowland had bid unsuccessfully.

According to the statement, at one point Mr Al Fayed had demanded of Mr Loftus: "Why didn't you bloody tell me about this when we had trouble with the DTI, that he had this box here?"

Mr Hamilton said: "What have we got here? We have the former detective chief superin-tendent at Scotland Yard, Mr McNamara, in charge of arresting shoplifters in Harrods by day, in conspiracy with the chairman of the store to break into safe-deposit boxes and

rob their customers by night.
"If the head of security can behave like this under Fayed's orders, why should Fayed's personal secretary and personal assistant make any resistance, particularly when two of them are implicated in this story as it is?"

The statement from Mr Loftus said he was rewarded with a white envelope stuffed full of cash, as was the locksmith, Robert Hamilton, from Surrey. They were both told to keep their mouths shut. But Mr Hamilton said that evidence from other Al Fayed employees had been enough "to condemn me to a lifetime of opprobrium and unemployment."

Mr Hamilton invoked the memory of the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six as victims of miscarriages of justice. On the same week that



Neil Hamilton and his wife, Christine, yesterday. He said: "There are no depths to which Mr Fayed will not stoop"

the Downey report was published, the convictions of the Bridgewater Four had been quashed after 19 years. He said: They were convicted on the basis of false evidence, given on oath in a court of law, where the burden of proof lay firmly on the prosecution, where the standard of proof for conviction was beyond reasonable doubt, not a Parliamentary Commissioner's hunch I've effectively been

- and without the benefit of rules which have been developed over hundreds of years in the courts to ensure a fair trial.

"These aren't just technical uibbles. It's cost me a promising career as a minister, my seat in Parliament, it's resulted in unemployment, not only for me but also for my wife, who was my secretary. Sir Gordon's report effectively renders me an outcast and effectively unemployable. It is at risk here, it is the reputation of Parliament itself. What I am held to have done has besmirched you all."

Mr Hamilton said of Mr. Fayed: "He has a well-known record of deceit and invention. The Department of Trade and Industry report into his acquisition of the House of Fraser had branded him a liar and a In an apparent reference to

Princess of Wales - the existence of which have been denied by the hospital which treated her and by her family - Mr Hamilton said: "In the course of the past few weeks, we have been reminded once again of Mr Fayed's innate capacity for invention. There are no depths to which Mr Fayed and his acolytes will not

stoop to achieve his ends, even to exploiting one of the most

failed to question several witnot thorough enough in looking into Mr Howard's acquisition of funds and property. The Parliamentary Commissioner should not be immune from review by the

courts, he said. He performed an important governmental function involving matters of substantial public interest, that is conducting official investigations into allegations of THE locksmith accused by James Bond film the idea of reaches of parliamentary Neil Hamilton of being called my creeping in under cover of standards."

Stephen Richards, counsel of the cover of standards. for Sir Gordon, argued that

his client was an officer of Parliament appointed internally after the recommendations of the Nolan report into parliamentary standards. His role was to investigate complaints about MPs' conduct.

The House of Commons is not subject to the courts in internal proceedings," he said. In his ruling Mr Justice Sedley said that "constitutional divide" between the judiciary and Parliament was of ereat historical importance." Sir Gordon, he said, was not subject to scrutiny becaus he had been appointed internally y Parliament to report directly to a select committee.

Security head tells of disquiet *

BOB LOFTUS was director of security at Harrods until 1996. He had previously been a major in the Special Investigations Branch of the Royal Military Police.

He said last night that he lost his job in February 1996. "My personal belief is that my disquiet over that incident (the alleged opening of a safe deposit box] coupled with other matters led to my demise.

"I was not at all happy with that, that is for sure. It had never happened before. It was of some considerable concern to me. I consider myself a man of honour and integrity, which would not describe Mohamed Fayed as, nor John McNamara."



Decade of bitter rivalry

THE Hamilton affair has its origins in the struggle between Tiny Rowland and Mohamed Al Fayed for control of Harrods in the 1980s. Neil Hamilton was one of a number of Tory MPs to side with Mr Al Fayed. The atmosphere between the two sides was clouded by insults and

writs, until in 1993 Mr Fayed and Mr Rowland reached a legal settlement (above).

Mr Rowland said yesterday that he was aware of a police investigation into alleged tampering with his deposit box, but had no comment to make. Harrods has denied tampering with the box.

Ex-detective worked on fraud team

JOHN McNAMARA, right, head of security for Harrods Holdings Plc. has worked with Mr Al Fayed for more than ten years since leaving Scotland Yard. Last month he was in Paris dealing with the aftermath of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mr McNamara, who retired as a detective chief superintendent, joined the Metropolitan Police after leaving the Merchant Navy.

He worked across London and was based at one time in Carter Street, in southeast London, as a detective inspector. He also spent much of his career in the Fraud Squad. where he worked in the public corruption section and was



involved in internal investiga tions involving malpractice by civilian staff. At one stage he worked for the Complaints Investigation

Bureau. He left the Fraud Squad in the mid-1980s to join the House of Fraser and took a senior security position after another former Scotland Yard man left. He then moved over to Harrods.

Locksmith rejects ridiculous' claims

box has won competitions for picking locks.

Roy Hamilton, who is selfemployed and has worked for the police, said he regularly opened safety deposit boxes at Harrods and had been working in the store only a few Last night he said that he

could not recall any particular job there in December 1995. He denied being handed an envelope stuffed full of £50 notes and said his work would be "finished" if there was any suggestion of impro-The accusations by Neil Hamilton were ludicrous and nnexpected.

"It sounds like a ridiculous

simply cannot afford to be associated with anything criminal. I open safety deposit boxes every day of the week. A particular venture doesn't stick in my mind," he said.

What I do know is that I would have to be handed an awful lot of £50 notes to risk my livelihood in such a way. They couldn't pay me enough Mr Hamilton, who is in his

forties and said he had worked as a locksmith for "considerable years", said he had never met Mohamed Al Fayed. "I've never ev.... seen him The names Loftus an -McNamara don't mean much to me either."

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Apologetic Short reveals her frustration over Montserrat

Development Secretary, yesterday admitted making mistakes during the crisis over the Montserrat volcano, but laid most of the blame on a "quite dreadful" decision-

making process. Ms Short had infuriated the island's leaders when she said, during a newspaper interview at the height of the crisis in August. that their demands were so unreasonable that "they will be wanting golden elephants next". Asked yesterday by MPs on a Commons select committee about those remarks, she said: "I completely and absolutely regret that it was alleged that I said that ... I was Development Minister tells MPs of confused decision-making, reports Nicholas Watt

Montserrat scientists said that he had misinterpreted data.

foolish enough to use that startling phrase, which I now regret." In a two-hour appearance before the International Development Committee, Ms Short said that her response to the disaster had been hampered by the many players" involved. She said that the Foreign Office had overall responsibility for the island as a dependent territory; her own department was responsible for the island's budget; and the Government of Montserrat ran the island.

Her inability to intervene at the

most basic level was illustrated

when Andrew Rowe, the Conservarive MP for Faversham and Mid Kent, expressed astonishment that no census had been conducted on the island since people had started to leave. Ms Short said: "Thank you, Andrew. Now you understand my frustration." Mr Rowe asked why, as a last

resort, the Royal Navy could not be drafted in to count the population. Ms Short said: "I do not have the authority to do that." Ms Short told the committee

that she had "tried and tried" to

have the island's sewers cleaned

up, but was powerless to act because the island's Government was responsible. She added that her department could provide vehicles to help, but only the island Government could use them.

An exasperated Ms Short said that handling the crisis "has been an enormously difficult responsibility for me. Part of the problem is the nature of the emergency. But a major part of the problem is that there are so many players in the decision-making, which is quite

The volcano on Montserrat

erupted in 1995, destroying large parts of the island. It rumbled on until a massive explosion last June in which people were killed. The main town of Plymouth was evacuated and the airport closed.

In August, Britain organised a partial voluntary evacuation of the island, offering £2,500 to each adult to help islanders to move. The Montserrat Government accused Britain of providing inadequate assistance and of scaring islanders after George Foulkes, Ms Short's deputy, gave warning of a "cataclysmic explosion".

improvement in living conditions since Britain announced a rescue plan last month. There has been a pronounced increase in volcanic activity, and hundreds of Montserratians have been leaving.

MPs from the international

Development Committee expected

to visit Montserrat tomorrow will

find that there has been little

A change in the wind direction has carried the ash over northern parts of the island which had previously been largely unaffected but an eruption powerful enough to affect these areas severely is thought "very unlikely".



Short she now regrets her 'golden elephants" remark

It ran on BTR's engineering skills.

We'd like to congratulate Richard Noble, Andy Green and all their team on the hard work, dedication, skill and sheer courage that took ThrustSSC to sound-barrier-shattering performance. Naturally, we're also proud of the fact that Hawker Energy Products supplied the state-of-the-art batteries to supplied Voters say Piers Merchant did not warrant a second

chance, write Daniel McGrory and Nicholas Watt

said last night that they had been given no indication by Piers Merchant that he was about to resign. One said: "We believed him before the election, and stood by him when he said he had been set up with Miss Cox. We trusted him then, and now we are left

looking a little foolish."

Weekend pictures of Mr Merchant with his friend Anna Cox, 18, proved too much for local stalwarts who rallied to his defence in March when allegations of their alleged affair first arose.

Margaret Howarth, chairman of the Beckenham Conservative Constituency Association, looked shaken as she read a prepared statement that blamed the tabloid press rather than the MP for what was seen as an unwanted byelection. "It is a really sad day for Piers and his family, and he is right to be most mindful of protecting his young child-ren from further press harassment." She described him as an "exemplary MP who will

Most Tories, however, were

THE LOCAL **ASSOCIATION** One senior figure in the asso-ciation revealed that there

had been attempts to have Mr Merchant explain his controversial association with what he described as his teenage rescarcher at a special meeting on Thursday this week. "He was dragging this constituency into the mire, and we needed that to be stopped," the

Bert Miles, a local Conservative councillor who has been a member of the Beckenham Conservative Constituency Asrociation for 20 years, said Mr Merchant had "cooked his 200se*. Mr Miles added: "He would have got the sack. Lots of people in the association since the weekend saying once was enough. They could not forgive him a second time."

Mr Miles said that the association had supported Mr Merchant in March after accepting his explanation that he had been out canvassing with Miss Cox when the embar-

Arcane rules date back to 17th century

BY A quirk of constitutional history, the precise timing of Piers Merchant's resignation is in the hands of Gordon

Only when the Chancellor of the Exchequer signs a warrant giving Mr Merchant a new job will the Tory MPs career in Parliament formally come to an end. That job will be an "office of profit under Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead.

Although this sinecure is unpaid, involves no responsibilities and exists only in law, it will automatically disqualify Mr Merchant from being an. ML: anvone who is paid by Crown cannot impartially scrutinise the action of the Crown's Government.

The sinecure used similarly is Crown Steward and Bailiff of the three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham. The last person

HOW MPs RESIGN

Hundreds was Neil Kinnock, who stood down as an MP in 1995 to become a European Commissioner. The sinecures are granted alternately.

Mr Merchant has to write to Mr Brown asking for the Ma-nor of Northstead. The Chancellor then signs a witnessed warrant of appointment and a letter is sent to Mr Merchant. omitting the letters MP after his name, informing him of his appoinment.

have to be used because MPs cannot constitutionally resign their seats. This rule, kaid down in a Commons resolution in 1623, dates from the reluctant duty rather than an eagerly sought honour. Had it been too easy to resign, many MPs would have done so.

The Manor of Northstead consisted of a number of fields and farms in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Much of it is now

"But this was a different story He was away for four nights during the Conservative Party conference. I think he has let everybody down. The leaders of the association are probably breathing a sigh of relief. It has been quite a shock."
His sentiments were echoed

in softer language by Eric Chalker, a member of the said that Mr Merchant's resignation was "sadly" inevitable after the publication of the pictures in the Sunday Mirror. Local Conservatives felt bruised and it would have been "intolerable for both parties" if Mr Merchant had remained as an MP.

Asked on BBC Radio 4's PM whether he was surprised by the weekend allegations, Mr Chalker said: "It is strange that a professional, stroke business, relationship between two people should have developed without the association having been informed . I feel let down by the

Local officials insist Conser vative Central Office had made no attempts in the past 48 hours to force any investigation into the MP's behaviour. One said: "They did not try and we would not have not the way we do flungs."

High Street seemed more perplexed by the fact that the MP's wife had posed at the front door with Miss Cox to insist there was nothing untoward in Mr Merchant's association. Ian Grey, a lifelong Tory, said: "It takes some believing to get caught twice with the same girl and protest your innocence."

Local voters in Beckenham

Claudia Bangs, 50, who voted for Mr Merchant in May, said: "I was prepared to give him a second chance, but not a third. So best he goes, the

silly man."

Kathleen Lewis, 69, said: "I think it's a great pity he's gone, as it was a great source of entertainment for us. He obviously had a very loyal wife to stay in the same house as a blonde teenager."

constituents agreed that Mr Merchant had been an energetic and popular MP. Patric Ellwood, 70, said: "I liked the man, but he left portantly his voters. I thought he had been set up at first, but not any more."

By last night, the epitaphs on Mr Merchant's career had been written and Tory activists were more concerned to discuss the shortlist of possible



'I have decided to resign to protect family and friends'

THE statement from Piers Merchant that was issued to the Press Association news

"I have decided to seek an early opportunity to resign my seat. This is entirely my own decision. I have been put under no pressure from anyone else to do this. It is taken to protect my

family, especially my two sensitive children, and also my friends, including Anna Cox and her family, from the loid intrusion into our priseems set to continue indefi-

and Conservative Association

THE STATEMENT

cuss the matter at length with them or with others in the

But rather than to wait for planned meetings, I hope that my quick decision will reduce damage to the local association. I have also in-

Both Helen and I are and comfort we have received and the loyalty shown by

I have always tried to work as effectively as possible for

I would like to thank all those who have supported

I have always believed there should be a clear line between a person's private life and their work, whatever So it is a strange irony that I have become far better

known through this than I ever would have become from the work I have consiscreated the media coverage

in order to generate publicity absurd and without foundation as is so much of what has been printed.

Piers Merchant will be making no further com-

She said the issue of privacy was a

very different subject" to the one

surrounding the harassment of Di-

Allegations of the affair emerged

in March when The Sun said he and

Miss Cox were having a relation

ship. Photographs showed the MP

and Miss Cox kissing, walking arm-in-arm, and leaving his London flat

together. Mr Merchant's wife Helen with

whom he has two children, stood by

him then as he told party members

The former journalist, who was a

news editor for The Journal news-

paper in Newcastle, said Miss Cox

was a party worker and theirs was

just an innocent friendship. But

Miss Cox claimed in a newspaper

story that she tied him to the bed

with her stockings while they made

in his Beckenham constituency: "I

ana. Princess of Wales.

am whiter than white."

Portillo heads contenders for the vacant seat

MICHAEL PORTILLO last night headed a list of former MPs and ministers being mentioned as possible appli-cants for the Beckenham constituency following Piers Merchant's decision to re-Tory officials in the Kent

constituency were bracing themselves for a flood of applications from ex-MPs who were defeated in May and are looking for a return route to Parliament. However, a local and as yet unknown contender is equally likely be selected for the

The constituency, where Mr Merchant secured a majority of 4,953 at the per cent swing to Labour, is by present standards a relatively safe seat.

Mr Portillo, the former Defence Secretary who a suffered a shocking defeat at Enfield Southgate, is known to be keen to return to the political front line.

Speaking on the BBC Today programme in July, he said: "The way I feel at the moment is that I would like to be an MP again.
"I don't think the opportu-

nity will come soon and it's always possible that my mind will change, but my present feeling is that if someone felt inclined to elect me ... that I would wish to

Mr Portillo was last night unavailable for comment but close friends said he was likely to think it too early for him to return to Westminster after suffering such a humiliating defeat. Tory officials refused to be

drawn on who might try for was entirely a matter for the Beckenham Tory Association. They have complete

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responsibility for selecting a candidate, no doubt they will want to move on that soon," a spokesman said. "I'm sure they will pick a first-rate

Other heavyweight former ministers who lost their seats and could be tempted to try again include Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Michael Forsyth, and William Waldegrave. Chris Patten, the former

Hong Kong Governor and one-time Tory chairman, is thought unlikely to stand. Most junior former Tory ministers who were defeated in May said that it was too early to say whether they

would try for the seat. Jonathan Evans, the for-mer Welsh Minister who lost his Brecon and Radnor seat. did not rule out an application. "It's far too early for me to think about really," he

Mr Evans has made no secret of his desire to return the Commons at some stage, but he is about to take up a



Portillo: he would like a return to front lines

The Sunday Mirror was poised to reveal all

Newspaper planned to send a full dossier about the affair

to Hague and the constituency, Carol Midgley reports

THE Sunday Mirror was planning to hand over a substantial dossier of "evidence" against Piers Merchant to William Hague and the MPs constituency association if he had continued to protest his innocence. Bridget Rowe, the editor of the Sunday Mirror, insisted she had

100 per cent, incontrovertible" proof understood to include more photographs — of a sexual relationship between Mr Merchant and his blonde researcher, Anna Cox, 18. A spokesman for the newspaper

hinted that further revelations could follow if Mr Merchant continued to accuse the journalists of fabricating the story. "We will contest any lies he continues to tell." he said. "If we need to break the lies, we will." In a statement, the paper said: "the Sunday Mirror's investigation has produced incontrovertible proof that Miss Cox and Mr Merchant are

enjoying a full sexual relationship and that their affair resumed only weeks after his original denial. "In his statement of resignation,

THE PRESS

Mr- Merchant talks of 'character sination' by the tabloid press and complains of intensive and continued intrusion' into his private life. It was the web of deceit and lies spun by him that trapped him and attracted the necessary and quite proper attentions of the British

"He said earlier that he had always believed that there should be a clear line between a person's private life and his work. The Sunday Mirror agrees: what people get up to in their bedrooms - or those of their lovers - is a matter for them. But if anyone criss-crossed that line with suicidal abandon it was Piers

Mr Merchant claims he is researching a book about the excess of tabloid journalism and that Miss Cox was helping him.A team of journalists and photographers compiled the alleged dossier over the week of the Tory Party conference in Blackpool. Insiders say only "a fraction" of the material has been used and there were plans to send copies to the Beckenham Conservatives and Mr Hague.

Merchant was still berating the tabloid press as he walked the political plank and resigned his Beckenham seat yesterday. But the man who complained of the newspapers' "intensive and continued" invasion of his privacy has yet to make a Commission or take legal action against the Sunday Mixror which splashed the allegations across six pages last weekend.

Ms Rowe is a member of the She insisted she had adhered strictly to the rules while photographing him and investigat which was in the public interest and to expose his hypocrisy. We have to remember that Piers Merchant is an MP who two years ago warned the Torics



Bridget Rowe: had "100 per cent" proof

they must be whiter-than-white and he has spectacularly failed to take his own advice," she told Radio 4's

The fact that Mr Merchant spent five hours at the Tory party conference last week and the rest of the time partying with his mistress is quite extraordinary, particularly when his leader needs all the support he can get."

Despite calls for him to step down Mr Merchant was backed by his wife in a very public display of support, and went on to keep his seat in Parliament She also stood by him this week when it emerged that Miss Cox had moved into the family's

(And, come to that, stopped.)

ThrustSSC's hydraulic systems. And that Dunlop Aviation engineered the solid aluminium wheels capable of withstanding radial acceleration forces of up to 35,000G, as well as - last, but by positively, absolutely no means least - the brakes.



Thrust team marks its place in history

FIFTY years to the day after the wound barrier was first broken in the air, Andy Green and the Thrust SSC team awoke yesterday elated at having achieved the same feat on land.

Monday's historic pair of supersonic runs across the Black Rock Desert at an average speed of 762mph were not followed by riotous celebrations. Before flying home to Britain the team is aiming to repeat its achievement under the strict conditions required for an official world

Asked how they would be spending the evening. Squadron Leader Green replied briskly: "We'll be working hard." The record eluded him when a double parachute fallure caused by fire damage from his two afterburners let the Thrust SSC car roll more than a mile beyond its planned stopping point after his dramatic Mach 1.007 run.

Working against the clock, the recovery crew spent 20 minutes towing the twin-engined car back to the start line.

The British team has broken the sound barrier on land. Now it must try again to make it official, Giles Whittell writes

Five more minutes were lost waiting for overheated on-board computers to cool down. Thrust SSC entered the measured mile on its second supersonic dash just 50 seconds outside the hour allowed by international rules.

"So near and yet so far." Richard Noble, the team's leader, repeated after being told by United States Auto Club timers that the next run, at 760 mph, could not count towards an official record.

Disappointed at first, Mr Noble's attitude changed as the magnitude of his accomplishment sank in. "Unbelievable — we did it," he told his team at a late-afternoon press conference. Turning to reporters, he said: "We've worked very hard for a long, long time to achieve this. It's important

to understand that a world first is a hell of a lot better than a world record." A cheer went up when Adam Northcote-Wright, the operations manager, said: "You can remake records. you can't remake

Squadron Leader Green's place in history had indeed been assured three hours earlier. At 2.05pm Pacific time, hurting from north to south over a 13-mile white gypsum line painted on the desert, he accelerated with eerie smoothness through the sound barri-

er and into automotive legend.

From the media's watching area half a mile west of the track, the ten-tonne black car seemed to approach in total silence, leaving the roar of its engines far behind as it added 100mph of speed every five

seconds. Journalists heard a soft but distinct double popping sound at the entrance to the measured mile.

Paul Grover, a British photographer positioned over the track in an ultra-light aircraft, heard something else. "It was two large cracks, like machine gunfire," he said. The Thrust recovery crew at the end of the track also heard a much louder double bang than observers at the side, even on Squadron Leader Green's first run at Mach 0.997 or 749mph. "The crew were jumping up

and down because they'd heard the sonic boom before I got there." Squadron Leader Green said. "It's a tremendous day," he went on. "The five years of effort put in by this team and our 230 sponsors and so many people of Nevada all came together today."

The team plans two more supersonic runs within an hour to take the record. This could be today, but with new computer data to be analysed and extra fireproofing to be done on the parachutes, delays seemed likely.



Richard Noble, the Thrust team leader, and his wife, Sally, celebrate as the car breaks the sound barrier

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Japanese win the race to produce eco-friendly car

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE Toyota Motor group yesterday emerged as the outright winner in the race to mass-produce and market a hybrid car, which combines a petrol engine and an electric motor in a complex system that sharply reduces fuel consumption and poisonous emigrious

emissions.
Introducing the four-seater Prius, Toyota said its technology would cut fuel consumption and carbon dioxide emissions to half the levels of comparable petrol-powered vehicles. Emissions of nitrogen oxide and carbon monoride will be cut to one tenth those of a conventional 15-litre petrol engine, said officials of Japan's biggest car maker. Under test conditions, the Prius yielded as much as

66 miles to a gallon.

While other Japanese and foreign car makers, including Detroit's Big Three.— Ford. Chrysler and General Motors— have hybrid cars in the works, Toyota will become the only one to put the product on the market. The Prins will be only available in Japan, with a price tag of 215 million

yen (£1),140).

The hybrid, which goes on sale on December 10, runs on electricity when it starts, and also while running at low

speeds of under 12mph when the petrol engine is less efficient. When the car picks up speed, it runs on both petrol and electricity. The engine and brakes keep it recharged, eliminating the main drawback of electric cars: a short battery life.

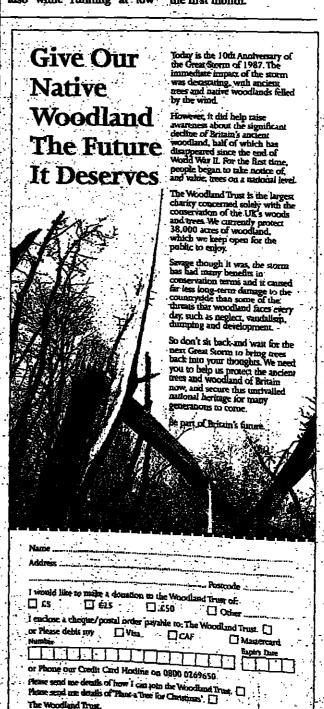
Toyota officials said the complex technology makes the car expensive to produce. Some reports say the show-room price would need to be five million yen for Toyota to cover costs, but these would be few buyers at that price.

"Frankly speaking, it may be pretty difficult to make a profit on this at present," said a senior Toyota official.

Growing public concern about gas emissions has prompted Toyota and rivals such as-Honda and Nissan to develop hybrids, in the hope that environmentally friendly cars can give a boost to stagnating domestic sales.

Hiroshi Okuda, the president of Toyota, said recently that the company would commit itself to offering environmentally friendly products, which he said were the key to further growth in the car industry.

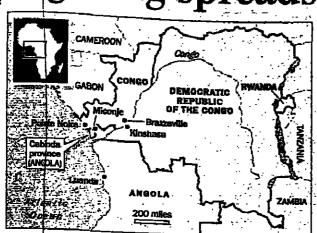
Toyota envisages sales of about 1,000 Prius hybrids in the first month.



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Fighting spreads to oil-rich enclave as Angola joins Congo's civil war

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ANGOLAN troops have joined Congolese rebels and opened a second front against government forces in the oil-rich south of Congo-

Diplomats said about 1,000 Angoian government troops had crossed from the enclave of Cabinda into Congo, where President Lissouba is facing a challenge from Denis Sassou Nguesso, a former President. gave a warning that Rwanda may also be drawn into the conflict, which has claimed at least 5,000 lives

over the past two months, as neighbouring states set out to settle long-bouring states set out to settle long-north of Cabinda. Congolese war-allied themselves with the Angolan standing scores.

Angola's retaliation against Congo followed reports that President Lissouha had hired mercenaries from Angola's rebel Unita move-ment to fight General Nguesso's

Angola's enclave of Cabinda is wedged between Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire. The enclave is rich in oil, on which Angola depends to prop up its war-shattered economy.

According to diplomats, Congolese troops counter-attacked Ango-

lanes flew over the Takula region in the enclave.

Soon afterwards, a MiG fighterbomber, thought to be from Angola. bombed the pro-government southern sector of Brazzaville, the Congo's capital. Twenty civilians were reported to have been killed.

A gendarme at the French Embassy was wounded by shelling during a ground assault on the presidential palace. General Nguesso's Cobra militia claimed yesterday to have taken the palace and the airport. While Angola's rebels have joined

forces with the Congo's Govern-

At least 4,500 Hutu soldier-refugees from Rwanda are based in a camp on the Congo river, posing a threat to the Rwandan Tutsi soldiers who installed President Kabila in

power in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Intelligence sources said yesterday that if the Hutu soldiers joined either side in the conflict across the river, Tutsi soldiers were certain to attack them from Kinshasa. Mr Kabila last

administration in the battle for

control of some of Africa's biggest oil

reserves, the conflict threatens to

draw in other old enemies as well.

several hundred commandos into Brazzaville to investigate who had been firing shells into Kinshasa. His senior officers suspect that Hutu extremists backed by soldiers loyal to Mobutu Sese Seko, Zaire's late President, are using the conflict in Brazzaville as a cover for attacks on

This may drag Rwanda's Tutsi soldiers into fighting far from home. Last week Major-General Paul Kagame, Rwanda's Vice-President, said after a visit to Kinshasa that he did not rule out combined military operations with Mr Kabila "if the need should arise".

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Massacre takes Algeria's death toll to 75,000

crept more that 50 civilians by Islamic militants in Algeria has brought to 75,000 the latest Arab diplomatic estimates of the death toll since the dvii war not control in largest North African country broke out nearly six years ago.

The rising toll compares with the 250,000 Algerians with the 250,000 Algerians killed in what young Islamic fighters—now refer to as the first war of liberation", that waged against French colonial rule between 1954 and 1962.

According to Algerian newspapers, most of the latest victims were women and men under 30 who had had their throatscut and bodies mutilat-- ed in a two-hour frenzy of murde suspected to have been the work of the Armed Islami Group (GIA).
Grusome methods now

used to butcher victims inchude the murder and incineration oichildren, the severing of headsand the mutilization of body pats. The militants' goal 's to create an Iranian-style heocrate state whose influence could then spread hrough the Arab world and to Europe only 300 miles away.

"It is enocide. There is no ther word," said Djamil Benrabet, co-leader of an rganisaion called Our Algeimple extermination of a lefencelss civilian popula-

Axes, hoes and DIY guillotines in rebel armoury.

Christopher Walker reports

tion", said Mr Benrabeh, whose wife was killed in a 1995 attack by gunmen. The instruments of death have become correspondingly

crude. In addition to guns, knives and bombs, they now also number axes, hoes and homemade guillotines transported on pick-up trucks.

The weekend ambush took place on a bridge near the small town of Sig. 205 miles west of Algiers. It was the worst single massacre in the western region of Oran, which had largely been spared because, as the home of Algeria's main gas and oil export facilities, it has been guarded by forces loyal to President The massacre followed a

recent pattern, with the vic-tims being lured to their deaths when their bus was stopped at a phoney roadblock. The ambush took place soon after a senior Algerian general had made the rare admission that Islamic insur-

in no way vanquished," said the general who is in charge of a continuing operation de-signed to dislodge the GIA from its stronghold in Ouled Allel, just south of Algiers. Until his remarks were published, the Government had attempted to cover up the extent of the bloodshed by referring euphemistically to some "residual terrorism".

In fact, the war may be approaching a new spiral of violence as competing Islamic groups strive to increase disruption in advance of municipal elections on October 23. The ballot is designed to restore elected officials to the country's 1,500 town halls and 48 provincial authorities for the first time in seven years.

The elections are an attempt by the Government to promote a sense of normality and rare visas have been promised to international news organisations usually barred. The move was met with a call for a boycott by a group of exiled leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), who claimed it would be useless.

☐ Algiers: A judge was shot dead by unidentified men in the town of Ain-Berber in eastern Algeria as he left for work, the Liberté and El-Khabar dailies said. More than 20 judges have been killed by Islamic extremists since 1992. (AFP)



Sudanese Army soldiers captured by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army wait at a makeshift prison compound at Yei, southern Sudan

Conflicts claim 18 million lives since 1945

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 18 million people were killed in wars and other armed conflicts between the end of the Second World War in 1945 and 1994, according to a study by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The statistics, in the institute's latest edition of The Military Balance, show that East Asia, Central and South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa account for more than 15 million of the fatalities. There tries such as Colombia, Alge-ria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Sudan.

John Chipman, the institute's director, said: "The map of the world's armed conflicts is a grim reminder ... of the number taking place, many without any prospect of effective mediation or decisive intervention."

The study showed that 10,371,000 people died in East Asia, including two million in the Vietnam War, three million in Korea, and one million

Cambodia. The toll from other regions include 2,857,000 in Central and South Asia, 2,685,000 in sub-Saharan Africa, 447,000 in Latin America, 180,000 in Europe, 108,000 in North Africa and 972,000 in the Middle East.

The institute has also included less obvious violent deaths, such as 1,000 killed by army suppression in South Korea in 1980 and one million government executions in China from 1950-51.

In recent years, the worst peace record has been on the African continent. In Algeria 50,000 have died since 1992. Since 1991, 350,000 people have been killed in the Somali Republic. 30,000 in Sierra Leone since 1991, 150,000 in Liberia from 1989 to 1996, and 50,000 in Mozambique from 1976 to 1995. About 500,000 people died in the 1963-1972 civil war in Sudan. Today,

there is still a civil war in southern Sudan, although there are hopes of an end to the conflict after the Government accepted a framework for peace in July which opened the way for negotiations with

Liberation Army.

The report said that the

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Middle East and North Africa remained the largest arms market in the world, with deliveries of "major conventional weapons systems" at a high level in 1996 and 1997 as a result of orders made three or four years ago. The greatest importer of

defence equipment in 1996 was Saudi Arabia, with nearly \$9 billion (£5.6 billion), which was almost three times more than Egypt, the second largest importer.

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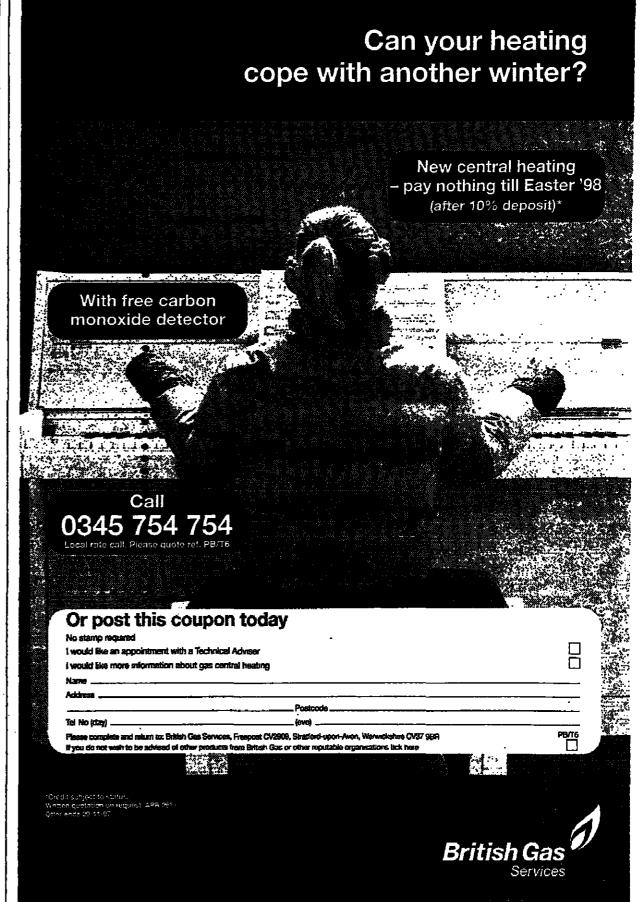
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FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

PRESIDENT Clinton and President Cardoso of Brazil held several hours of talks yesterday in an attempt to iron out differences over Mr Clinton's dream for a hemispheric trade pact from Alaska to Patagonia by 2005.

During his three-day stay in Brazil, Mr Clinton and Madeleine Albright, his Secretary of State, will sign bilateral agreements on space projects, educa-tion, technological interchange, environmental issues and the war on the drugs trade.

But it appears that Mr Clinton's main aim is to overcome Brazilian objections to his trade bloc plan. There has been strong political and public opposition in Brazil to giving in too eagerly to American demands.

Backing from South America's biggest and strongest economy would make it easier for Mr Clinton to convince the US Congress to grant him the "fast-track" authority he needs to negotiate commercial agreements in the

Mr Clinton's eagerness to create a trade bloc in the Americas reflects growing fears in the United States that it will lose influence over emerging South American markets, whose trade with the European Union has grown in recent vears. But he faces strong opposition from a Congress backing the interests of US farmers and industry, who fear a flood of

cheap goods. Senhor Cardoso, who has expressed caution about rushing into a commercial pact, said during the Brasilia talks that the free trade zone was an 'ambitious project shared by both countries. But there remain differences over its creation".

Optimism over euro receives twin boost

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

CONFIDENCE in a smooth launch for the European single currency hardened yester-day when France and Germany cleared the way for a new body to co-ordinate policy in the future euro zone and a Brussels forecast showed that all states except Greece were on track to quali-

fy for the currency.

Theo Waigel and Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the German and French Finance Ministers, patched up a long-standing Franco-German quarrel on political supervision of the euro agreeing to sion of the euro, agreeing to the shape of an "informal" council that would monitor economic, budget, foreign ex-change and other issues.

Germany insisted that the arrangement, which is likely to win full EU approval next month, would not impinge on the authority of the future European Central Bank or the business of Ecofin, the EU's law-making economic and financial council.

However, with the prospect that 11 of the 15 EU states will qualify for the euro next spring, the deal raises the likelihood of a new EU power centre. Britain, which is expected to stay out of the single currency, would be excluded from this "euro council", along with Greece, Sweden and Denmark.

Herr Waigel depicted the new forum, to be called the "EX", with the X standing for the number of euro countries. as an EU parallel to the G7. the forum of the world's main industrialised nations. He delivered an implicit warning to Britain on the dangers of exclusion on Monday when he urged the Government to sign

The European Commission esterday rubbed in the likely isolation of the non-euro states when Yves Thibault de Silguy. the monetary commissioner withdrew earlier reservations

over the proposed council. The issue had raised concern when it had seemed that only a handful of states would qualify for membership, but now it was clear a majority would be there, he said

New evidence came with the Commission's forecasts showing that stronger-than-expected growth and tight budgets across the EU mean that 14 out of the 15 are likely to be deemed to have met the criteria laid down in the 1992 Maastricht treaty. The future euro states are to be chosen at a summit under British chairmanship next May, eight months ahead of the launch.

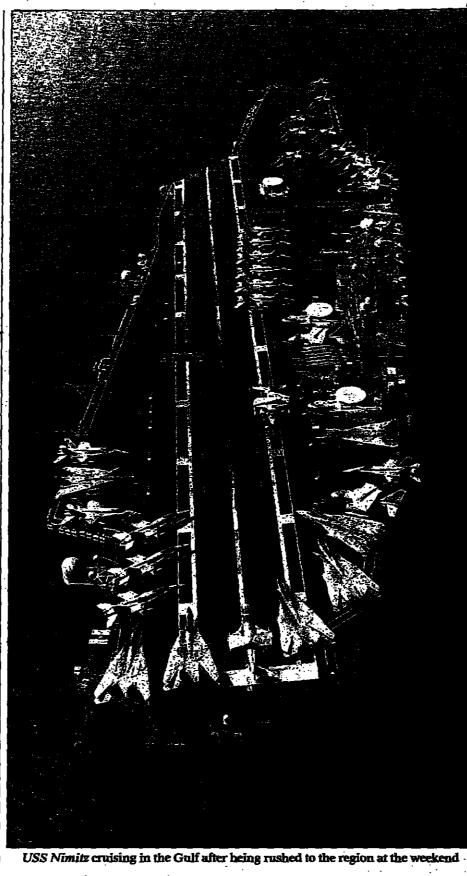
Although the Commission's forecasts are judged by many non-EU experts to err on the optimistic side, they will be used by British euro supporters who argue that sterling's absence from a broad euro zone could weaken the economy and undermine British influence in the EU.

Britain emerges as one of the best performers in the forecasts, joining Luxembourg and Finland as the only states expected to pass a strict read-ing of all the main criteria. However the Commission reduced its earlier estimates of British growth, saying it could only expect a 2.1 per cent rise in gross domestic product next year, compared with an EU average of 3.0 per cent.

All except France and Greece are due to scrape under the key deficit ceiling of 3 per cent of GDP this year. At a forecast 3.1 per cent, France "should not present any con-

cerns," M de Silguy said. Resolution of Italy's governmment crisis was greeted yesterday by Jacques Santer, the Commission President, as evidence that Rome would keep up the austerity drive that has brought-it within reach of the

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US force brings 'no-fly' calm

Washington: The commander since their arrival. "We've. Iran began naval exercises in battle group that rushed to the Gulf after Iran launched naval mannerwes in the waterway said yesterday that the "no-fly zone" had been calm

of the US aircraft carrier seen the activity in the no-fly the region. zone actually calm down in the past couple of days, which is, I think, significant because of our presence here and the great deal of work that's already been done by the US Air Force in this part of the world in enforcing the no-fly zone," Rear Admiral John Nathman said in an interview

with Cable News Network. Admiral Nathman said dealings between the US battle group and the Iranian Navy had been "professional and courteous", but the US fleet was being cautious about Iranian activity. The US air-craft carrier battle group led by the Nimitz arrived in the Gulf on Sunday, one day after

The *Nimitz*, which can can ry 50 fighters, and six US warships entered the region about two weeks ahead of schedule after Iranian warplanes blasted two iranian rebel bases in southern Iraq on September 29, violating the no-fly zone enforced by Western allies. On Saturday, the Iranian Navy started exercises that involved two Russian-built submarines and

nearly 50 ships. Rear Admiral Nathman did not say how long the force would stay, but he believed the US presence forced Iran and Iraq to "get the message" about US enforcement of the no-fly zone. (Reuters)

WORLD SUMMARY

Town's hotels treat Papon as pariah

Paris: Hotels in Bordeaux closed their doors to Maurise Papon, the former civil servant accused of sending hundreds of Jews to their death in the Second World War (Ben Macintyre writes).

Last Friday Bordeaux's court ruled that the alling Siyear-old should be released from prison for the rest of his trial, but he has become a parish, forced to move from hotel to hotel. One asked him to go after demonstrators rallied outside shouting. Death to become a pariah, forced to move from hotel to note. One asked him to go after demonstrators rallied outside shouting 'Death to Papon!" and "Throw him in jail!". Hotel switchboards have been bombarded by callers denouncing him and accusing staff of being collaborators. The health of M Papon, who was allowed to leave Gradignan prison near Bordeaux because of fears he might die, has apparently improved.

Nevis opts to break away

Roaring against its stronger partner in an umpopular federation, a Caribbean mouse yesterday declared itself a new independent state (Michael Birtyon writes). With only 9,900 inhabitants, Nevis would be one of the world's smallest state: if it secedes from St Kitts. The five legislators of an island that was once a favourite haunt of drug smugglers and Diana, Princess of Wales, voted manimously to leave the twin-island federation of which Nevis has been a part since paining independence from which Nevis has been a part since gaining independence from Britain in 1983. Their decision must be ratified by two thirts of

Russian MPs head for revolt

Moscow: Russia's opposition-dominated parliament and the Government were headed for a potentially explosive showdown, which could plunge the country into fresh elections (Richard Beeston writes). After days of threats and counter-threats, desperate negotiations were under way at the Duma, the lower house, to head off a no-confidence vote in the Government of Viktor Chernomyrdin scheduled for today. Last week the Duma rejected the 1998 budget and rounded on the Government for its failure to improve the lot of millions of poor Russians.

Beggar's bid fools auction

Hong Kong. The government's big-gest land sale was thrown into confusion yesterday when a penniless woman, right, made a winning bid of almost HK\$900 million (more than £70 million) for a plot (Jonathan Mirsky writes). The bogus bidder was identified as someone who stands outside Legislative Council meetings, shrieking at members. She was taken away in an ambulance and the largest site in Hong Kong's history to be sold, 980,000 sq fi in Tai Po. went for £448 million.



Deal allows Prodi to stay

Rome: Italy's 18-month-old centre-left Government saled an agreement with its-hardline Communist parliamentary allies allowing it to stay in power for a year and carry through a budget to help Italy to meet the criteria for the European single currency (Richard Owen writes). Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, had tendered his resignation to President Scalfaro last Thursday after Communist Refoundation withdrew it support in the hydret debate. in the budget debate. A vote of confidence confirming Signor Prodi in office is expected tomorrow.

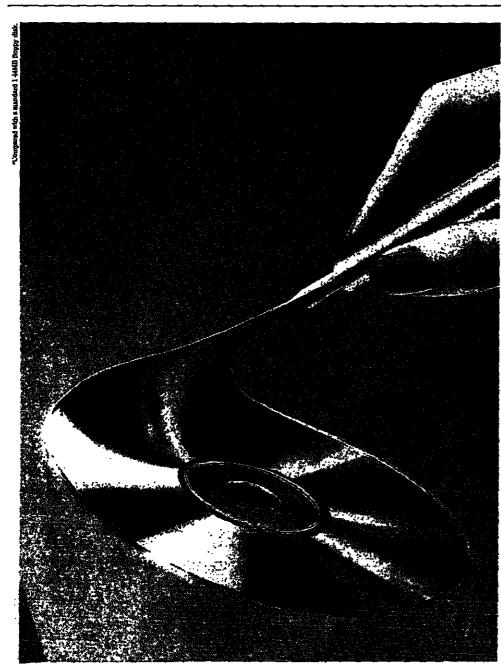
Botha apology on apartheid



South Africa's former Foreign Minis ter, has apologised for failing to turn the tide of apartheid and to investigate the killing and torturing o political opponents by the security firces. Mr Botha denied he had authorsed political murders and told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission he had recognised apartheid as immeral since the early 1970s. He said a 1986 Commonwealth mission nearly brokered an end to apartheid. (Ratters)

Bomber 'wanted to kill Jews'

Cairo: The man who masterminded the fire-bombingof a tour bus in central Cairo last month which left nine German holidaymakers dead said at the start of his trial yesterday that he had wanted to kill Jews. Saber Abu al-Ela said he did not prevent the attack when he discovered his victims were German tourists because "infidels are all the same". (AFP)



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Italy angered by British defence of hooliganism'

WHAT started as a low-key diplomatic spat between Italy and Britain over the policing of last Saturday's World Cup qualifying match turned into a heated war of words yesterday. Lamberto Dini, the For-eign Minister, declared that British criticisms of Italian police behaviour from Tony Blair downwards were "abso-

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lutely incomprehensible".

The view in London, putting the blame on our forces of law and order, seems to me quite extraordinary," Signor Dini said. "It was not our police who created the disorder, it was the England fans. They smashed up the city centre before the match and poured back on to the streets

"Quite apart from what happened inside the stadium. we have to take into account the fact that even before the game started there had been a number of incidents involving British citizens," he said. "Numerous British fans committed acts of vandalism in the entre of Rome. They damed cars, they threw stones through shop windows, and started brawls in the heart of out capital." He said he did not know if the fans involved vere drunk. "bot in a sense I hope they were, because if they here not their aggressive behaviour becomes even more reprehensible".

Italian officials had been slow to react to British charges The prevailing view is that the police bravely contained agessive thugs fuelled by alcohol. "We have a government crisis on our hands, we have other things to worry about," Monday, when hard ques-tions about Italian behaviour-were being asked in London. There was a match, there was

hooliganism, and our police

dealt with it." Italians are still haunted by the tragedy of the Liverpool-Juventus match at the Heysel stadium in 1985, when 39 fans died, most of them Italian. "Mr Blair may be young, but even he must know that what happened in Rome has its roots in history." La Stampasaid. "There was a desire on Saturday to suppress trouble quickly to avoid a wider tragedy. Maintaining public

> The Italian media focused on injuries suffered by Alberto Mu, a 24-year-old married man from Ostia, who was set upon by hooligans when crossing Via Cavour in the centre of Rome before the match to buy cigarettes. He lost his left eye when they thrust a broken bottle into his "They screamed 'Italy shit',"

hospital bed. "I said, 'No, Italy Dini: British position



TONY BLAIR is to take prevent next year's World Cup finals in France being marred by the kind of crowit violence that disfigured England's match in Italy.

Few Italian reports suggested that peaceable middle class The Prime Minister's spectators had been roughed Downing Street policy unit is up as well as hooligans, Police said well-behaved British fans to review ways of stopping potential troublemakers from had been kept inside the travelling to the finals, which um after the match while start in June.

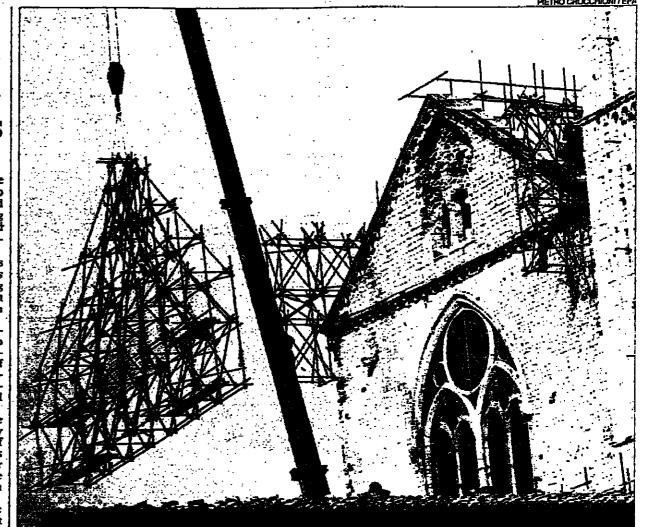
pared to take tough action to prevent what ministers regard as a tiny minority of football hooligans from crossing the Channel and tarnishing the reputation of all English fans. It is understood that the

one did anything to prevent it. That is not the fault of our police the British authorities, decision to call in the policy unit was taken at a meeting of senior ministers and officials if they are so good at maintaining public order, must have known that flights for yesterday. One option under review is confiscating the Rome were being boarded by and should have stopped them. Since they did not, our

One senior official said: "The Government is not out there and it will not shrink from taking tough decisions. even taking passports away if it stops a tiny minority giving the Italian police the excuse to knock about the 95 per cent of supporters who are decent

and law-ebiding."

The creation of a small central unit to supervise the security preparations for the World Cup finals is also on the agenda. Its membership would be drawn from the Foreign Office, the Home Office, the Department of Culture Media and Sport, and the Football Task Force head-



A crane manoeuvres a metal support structure into place on the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi yesterday

Assisi engineers use metal cage to shore up damaged basilica

BY RICHARD OWEN

IN A daring operation, Italian engineers yesterday successfully placed a purpose-built metal cage over the crumbling tympanum on the roof of the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, preventing it from crashing down into the great church and destroying medieval frescoes.

Another powerful tremor struck central Italy vesterday afternoon and was felt as far south as Rome. It caused no further damage at Assisi but brought down the clock tower on the medieval town hall at Foligno, a few miles away. The tower had been leaning perilously since the first earthquake nearly three weeks ago, and firemen had spent much of yesterday trying in vain to secure it.

In Assisi, the tympanum, a recessed triangular pediment more than 100ft up on the side of the basilica, was badly damaged in the double earthquake which

struck on September 26. It suffered further damage a week ago when another strong tremor struck Umbria. Officials in charge of the restoration operation feared that the tympanum, which weighs 70 tonnes, would topple through the roof. bringing down frescoes in the already damaged south transepts of both the upper and lower churches.

The works at risk include a series of frescoes by Pietro Lorenzetti, the Sienese painter, and Cimabue's great Crucificion which, although badly faded and blackened, is considered one of the key masterpieces at the dawn of Western art-

"We all held our breath," said Professor Giorgio Croci, the engineer in charge. The three and a half tonne cage, constructed from steel scaffolding poles, was swung by a giant crane and secured to the basilica roof despite high winds. The halfhour operation was conducted in silence, and the relief as the cage fitted gently into place was palpable. Walter Veltroni, the Minister of Culture, who is visiting the earthquake zone, praised the operation as "very difficult and delicate". He said he was drawing up a report on damage to historic sites in the region, and appealed for a "mobilisation of international aid to help us restore our endangered religious

and artistic heritage".

Restoration experts said that, with the Assisi tympanum secured, work could now begin on erecting scaffolding inside the basilica so that the frescoed ceiling, 10 per cent of which has collapsed, can be restored. Workmen will also inject cement into the wall of the transept to strengthen

But Antonio Paolucci, the former Minister of Culture, who has been put in charge of the basilica restoration, said he could not guarantee that the church could be reopened in time for millennium

England fans 'denied rights' in jail

FROM RICHARD DUCE

THE British Embassy in Rome was last night investi-gating a claim by three British football fans that they were denied their legal rights while a fast-track system, the held for two nights in a Rome accused may admit charges jail on bogus charges on the against them in return for day after England's World suspended jail sentences.

designer, said that he was 26, who owns a graphic design

with police officers: They denied the charges but yesterday pleaded guilty after being told they could be held in custody for weeks before a trial. Under a fast-track system, the

Mr Jackson from Brighton, Chris Jackson, 30, a graphic and his boss, Mark Richens,

were arrested outside a city their colleague Paul Walker, centre bar accused of fighting 24. of Colwyn Bay, looked shaken and frightened in court. Mr Jackson urged British journalists to tell the embassy of their plight.
"When I arrived at the prison they refused to take me

order is not an exact science."

the Italian fans were let out "in

order to control the situation".

"It was all entirely predict-able," La Stampa said. "It was

predictable that large num-

bers of English hooligans would run riot in Rome. Yet no

police were right to use an iron

fist to protect our streets.

Hooliganism is not an Italian

in because I was so badly beaten," he said. "They took me to hospital then police beat me again after the X-rays. We haven't been able to speak to the embassy and were not business near St Albans, and allowed to make a personal on television in his cell.

supporters accused of aggravated brawling after a prematch attack on an elderly man and his son on train. One was Paul Dodd, 26, who has 13 convictions for soccer violence and served 25 years for a 1988 assault on Scottish fans. Last night he denied responsibility for the train attack but said he had been treated well in jail.

He had watched the match

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From Streatham to Dior

John Galliano, the former wild-child designer, has been transformed into the svelte head of a Paris couture house. Grace Bradberry reports

t a cursory glance, he commercial designer. Yet as a they were stepping out he could have been just another of "the suits", those anonymous, but powerful, management figures who quietly take their seats at the catwalk shows of Christian Dior. The sleek bob was just a

little too short, however, and the immaculately cut dark suit just a little too Salvador Dali. This was John Galliano, the former wild-child designer. now shorn of his dreadlocks transformed into the svelte head of a Paris couture

At one time he would have been surrounded by his models. Instead, he sat quietly behind the scenery in the Carrousel du Louvre, chatting to two of his staff.

Yesterday, as the luminaries of the fashion world sat on their little gilt chairs, arranged around a series of bourgeois tableaux — a grand piano, a rose-filled bath, a snooker table - they may have wondered if this was to be vintage Galliano. They may have asked themselves if it was to be that much celebrated thing. "a fashion moment". No one. however, will have questioned that Galliano should be there at all, the head of France's grandest design house - the first Briton to achieve such eminence this century.

Indeed, it now seems an inevitability that this 37-yearold son of a Streatham plumber, who will show his ownlabel collection tomorrow. should have ascended the glassy pyramid of Paris couture. Yet if Galliano's rise is the stuff of fashion students' fairytales, it certainly contains several passages straight from the pen of the Brothers Grimm. It is a tale of rags, to more rags, to yet more rags, before, finally, riches.

Juan Carlos Antonio Galliano was born in Gibraltar in 1960. When he was six, the family moved to South London. His father, Gibraltan-born Juan Carlos, taught him to hold a blow-torch; his mother, Spanish-born Anita, taught him flamenco on the kitchen table, and dressed him in extravagant fancy-dress.

After five unhappy years at grammar school where he was bullied, he went to City and East London College to study design and printed textiles. then on to study fashion design at St Martin's, where he was a star not only of the workrooms, but also of the Soho clubs that were the social centre of college life. To supplement his income, he worked as a dresser at the which National Theatre. helped to develop his innate theatricality.

Galliano is now seen as more of a creative than a

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student he spent hours in the V&A searching not only for historical inspiration but also for the key to bias-cutting. He also did a work placement with the London tailor Tommy Nutter. His former tutor Sheridan Barnett remembers him as a workaholic and it was sheer grind, coupled with technical accomplishment, that made his graduation collec-

It was a fantastical collection, inspired by French revolutionary costumes, and inside-out jackets and trailing buttons that in



Galliano's spring collection

less accomplished hands might have appeared like incompetence. They sold out, with Diana Ross among the buyers. Galliano was just 23.

es Incroyables was followed by a second collection. Afghani-stan Repudiates Western Ideals. By the time he presented his third collection he had found two key people a muse and a backer.

The muse was Amanda Grieve (now Lady Amanda Harlech). She was to remain a collaborator right up until Galliano joined Dior last year, but his backers were to come and go more rapidly. The first, Johan Brun, financed the first three commercial collections, beginning with The Ludic Game, upside-down, insideout clothes that could be worn by men and women. This was followed by Fallen Angels. remembered not only for the clothes but also the styling. The models' foreheads were stamped with his logo, and as

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drenched them with water so the white muslin dresses clung

While audiences lapped up the fantasy, however, Galliano was embroiled in the reality of being broke. By July 1986, Brun had dropped out, and Galliano turned to the Danish tycoon Peder Bertelsen. In an effort to be commercial he started a younger line called Galliano's Girl

tion, Les Incroyables, such a Critically, he was highly acclaimed, winning the title of British Designer of the Year in 1987, but his clothes were not making money. In 1989 the relationship came to an end.

It is from this period that Galliano's reputation for selfdestructive hedonism springs and he hit the club scene with a vengeance. By the late Eighties, his lifestyle was becoming increasingly hedonistic, as he sought to escape his frustration at his lack of commercial success.

Unable to see any way forward in London, Galliano telephoned Faycal Amor, the designer-owner of the French label Plein Sud, who said: "Come to Paris." Again, critical acclaim didn't bring commercial stability: the link with Amor was broken soon afterwards. He missed one season, and

drifted along with no backer until, four weeks before the next collections, he was invited to dinner with Anna Wintour. the Editor of American Vogue. Appalled by Galliano's situation — he could not even afford the price of a Metro ticket she allowed André Leon Talley, then the magazine's creative director, to help Galliano, partly from the Conde Nast coffers.

Talley, a flamboyant, charismatic figure, had first come across Galliano in the Eighties. "He went around town with Jasper Conran and they dressed like Russian aristocratic children before the Revolution. They outstanding, it was a vision."

By 1993, Galliano was at a lower ebb. "He was about to go under," says Tailey. "Hewas left in Paris stranded, didn't have a place to live, he had no money to eat and we kept him going. It's one of the most important things I've done in my life." Sometimes Talley would go to McDonald's and buy 30 hamburgers milkshakes to keep Galliano and his team going.

He also took Galliano to meet São Schlumberger, a Portuguese socialite who was to become his first couture customer. She was struck by his attire and his educated conversation. Talley, knowing that Schlumberger was in possession of an empty Paris mansion, the Hotel Particu-





lier, asked if Galliano could show there and she agreed. Wintour then flew Galliano

to New York and, with just three weeks to go, John Bult, chairman of the American investment bank Paine -Webber International, agreed bankroll him. The fashion pack, clutching invitations in the form of rusty keys, were treated to just 17 black outfits, worm by 17 of the most beautiful women in the world.

giving their services free. Within weeks of the show at the Hotel Particulier, Galliano had found his own atelier in a cobbled street in the Bastille area and his full-time staff grew to seven.

His reputation continued to grow. The next collection included clothes inspired by Christian Dior. Then in March 1995 came the Winter Wonderland show. The clothes were technically brilhant but unterly unsumed to mass production. in short, it was a countire show.

in fact, by this st Galliano's appointment as successor to Hubert de Givenchy was vitually a certainty. For more than a year before Givenchy's retirement in 1995, Galliano had been in secret negotiations with Bernard Arnault, head of the luxury conglomerate LVMH. who was determined to find a young, publicity-generating talent to revitalise the house.

Galliano's appointment

control." He moved into the Givenchy studio on November 24 with just 18 working days to put together his first haute couture

collection. On his first day, he

echelons of tashion.

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to the Paris fashion world. Not astonished staff by eating in This year, on top of his two since Charles Frederick Worth - and 60 pairs of eyes on me!" founded his couture house in Paris in 1857 had a Brit had They were still more startled mid-season range. Such is his such influence in the upper six or seven times with the injunction: Smaller Tighter!

was a dium including extravagant taffeta Givenchy's final ballgowns, orange Indian show in July 1995. Not everyone thought it was silks burnished with gold, and black wool toxedo all-in-ones. wise. Valentino suggested that Tma Turner, seated in the Galliano did not know "everything about how to make a front row, placed an order. dress". Versace said: "John is a Despite his success, few

expected him to move to Dior genius - but he needs some so soon. But it now appears that the Givenchy job was a dress rehearsal for the grander house and the ap-

that October.

the canteen. "Lentils and fish own label and four Dior collections, he has produced a when he sent back garments workload that even expeditions to nightclubs have to be "timetabled" in. Once viewed The first show in January as self-destructive, the designer no konger drinks three times a week.

Galliane's ready-to-wear show in Paris

inav insid into a great asset

If Galliano has grown more professional, then his operations have also become more secretive. Despite his support, André Leon Talley has never been invited behind the scenes an omission that hurts him. Lady Harlech, described by Galliano as recently as last year as his chief collaborator, found herself excluded from the Dior deal. She now works with Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel.

came as a considerable shock Men under the microscope

ARE men becoming more spiritual? A study at Nottingham University, in collaboration with Roy McCloughry from the Kingdom Trust, is trying to uncover whether the changing role of men has had an impact on their spiritual

Professor Roger Murphy, Dean of the Faculty of Education, is leading the university's involvement in the study, called Hearing Men's Voices. Thirty interviews, each lasting between one and two hours, have been conducted by two researchers, Kaja Zeisler and Heidi Shewell-Cooper, with men from various backgrounds. Participants were asked to touch on a wide range of issues, including personal relationships.

Although it is too early to draw conclusions, the researchers say, one topic keeps cropping up. Men feel confused about their role in society, how this affects their relationships women, and how it colours women's expectations of them. Most interviewees had opinions on this subject, and were conscious that women's expectations of men had altered over the generations.

Mr McCloughry, author of Men and Masculinity: From Power to Love. a book about the response of men to feminism, says that this shift is becoming more important, influencing men's mental and physical health, their expectations and their chances of employment. "From other work, I can say that, of course, the changing role of women does affect the way men live and see themselves," Mr McCloughry says.

"Now that women have joined the pool of people available for work, which is a good thing, some men have to cope with the prospect of unemployment against the stereotype of men as providers and protectors. This can induce distress and a sense of failure."

In households where both partners have careers, Mr McCloughry says, men have had to take on responsibilities traditionally shouldered by women, such as more active parenting. He says: "Sometimes men feel they have too many roles, and their personal space or sense of spirituality is squashed out."

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Like sister Tanita, This Life star Ramon Tikaram has found fame. But the two do not speak. Interview by Moira Petty

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mon Tikaram as Ferdy, the bisexual with the My Little Pony hairstyle in television's This Life, that he was soon kneedeep in offers to play Ferdy clones. Instead he has joined the West End cast of Jesus Christ Superstar as Judas

"I like playing men in crisis, at the end of their nervous sensibility," he says. "The energy required is so outside of what I am in real life." Yet it isn't so far from his own experience. for he adds: "I have a natural affinity with outsiders."

The 31-year-old son of a British Army and a Malaysian mother from the rainforests of Sarawak. in northwest Borwith an ingrained different. On the army base, and at his Dover boarding school for sons of military personnel, he suffered racial abuse.

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Now, he says, it is useful to summon up those latent feelings of not being one of the pack. Both Judas, through his treachery, and Ferdy, because of his class and occupation (dispatch rider), stand apart from their communities. "I've turned being an outsider on its head," he

eays. "It's now a great asset." This Life, an everyday tale of ibidinous lawyers, was the surprise that of the year. But while the cast became stars almost overnight, the BBC dithered, failing to renew contracts for a third series option . when the deadline passed four

months ago. Inevitably, you think a bit of Ferdy might have rubbed off on him. You expect to be on the receiving end of one of Ferdy's scowls, or in the flightpath of a strand of waist-length hair being tossed over his shoulder. But the black cascade stays as irmly in check as his ego. He s better educated and better tempered than Ferdy and so laid-back that it takes several emissaries from the theatre, where he is due for rehearsals, to lure him away from his

orange juice and cigarettes. Nor is he the slightest bit interested in flame-haired handymen. He is thoroughlyheterosexual and mentions his

o convincing was Ra- emphasise the point. His sixyear-old daughter, Isalei (Fiji-an for My Island), and threeyear-old son, Kisi (Kiss Me), are "the constants" in his life. despite the break-up of his marriage to Vanessa Lee, a theatre director, more than two years ago.

The separation was initially marked by "hostilities" but has thawed to the point where they can take the children shopping together. There has been no such reparation of the rift with his sister, and only sibling, the singer/songwriter Tanita Tikaram. She found fame soon after leaving school Fifian father who joined the and now, at 28, is recording

her seventh album in Los Angeles. ... We walked They were very close as children around the set naked. years. It began with a disagree I found the ment about lifestyles, which are so openness inextricably linked to what we are. appealing'

similar [he fronts a

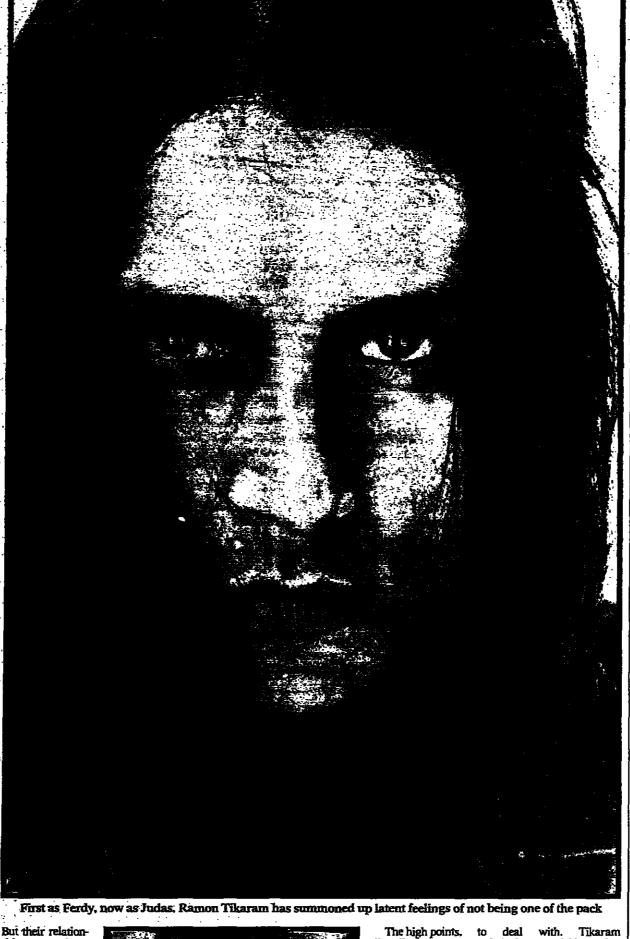
Lann jazz band, Shorty, and has sung with Courtney Pine and Bob Geldof but our approaches are different. I'm more superficial. She plans everything, I. have only a general arm. I can see her point about my inher-

t school I came top in everything and was also an exceptional sportsman. At university I was the only one on my course that year to get a first and I won the English prize

Tused to write short stories and it was a shock when I left university and found that I couldn't go to a publishing house and get my work straight into print. "Now I think Tanita and I

have just got used to the silence between us. Things are going so well for me now, why add the complication of my sister to my life? When everything else is stripped away and we've set out to accomplish what we wanted to achieve, and when I'm more confident about who I am, then I'm sure we'll talk again."

As a boy, he was sensitive and caring, almost paternal" with Tanita. In his daughterhe detects "the same intellectutwo young children early on to all energy" she had as a child.



ship seems to have been underpinned by rivalry. Tika-ram, basking then in the reflected glory of his own gifts, didn't spot his sister's. She writes all her own songs, paints in-credibly," he acknowledges. "I to something after A levels but I had no idea what until she turned up on television." Their Gauginesque looks were contention. Our

Ramon and his sister, the singer Tanita Tikaram

thinks I'm betterlooking than her. Pigeonholed on the grounds of race and class, young Ramon Tikaram distanced himself mentally from the army bases on which the family lived. At 11, he was sent to a boarding school that catered for the sons of soldiers. (Officers' sons went to the likes of Eton or Harrow.) The day began with the boys marching into breakfast, hair tucked beneath berets. Most enlisted later. "A few teachers saw the misery of this destiny," he recalls. One encouraged him to join the National Youth

Theatre, and to study English

mother, who is

only in her forties.

is very striking. I

Tanita is more like my father. She

> and drama at university. Here he ran into trouble with rugby-playing ex-public schoolboys — "because I was their women", he says in forthright This Life idiom. "Actually, there were a lot of women. I didn't realise women

had feelings until I met Vanessa, who put me right." He was in his third year at Kent, she the year below. The wedding that soon followed was not a legal ceremony but a Hawaiian blessing conducted by Vanessa's mother in their garden in Canterbury They were together for six years.

literally and metaphorically, were the two births. when Tikaram helped himself to the gas and air on "The leaves seemed very green outside and the rain sounded beautiful. I took fatherhood

straight away." The end of the relationship was signalled by the loss of their shared sense of humour. "You could say it was as being in love any more. Now I don't think you can be in love for ever." The children now live in North

London with their

mother. Tikaram plays father on when the children visit him at the extremely tidy house in Camberwell, southeast London, he shares with Julian Symes, a Shorty band

"Inevitably, the children heard some of the rows but they seem well-adjusted and daughter a book at the library about a mum and dad splitting up but I didn't realise that it showed the dad going off with another man. She looked at me very oddly."

Then there has been the children's interest in This Life

deal with. switched over quickly during the rismié moments, which included the most graphic gay love scenes ever screened on terrestrial television. Although Ferdy's housemates watched him bring home a variety of sexual partners, he contends that the character was working his way towards full homosexuality. "Ferdy was quite seminal as far as men coming out is concerned Ferdy was enjoying it and I probably was, too. I'm straight but very tactile. We walked around the set naked, which

the openness was appealing." Tikaram was surprised to find the series had "transported itself into mass consciousness. People just said it was real." He has not been subjected to homophobic remarks. and became a hero when he punched the irritating Miles. advising him to tell everyone

freaked some people out, but

"you were hit by a poof". He has joined Jesus Christ Superstar for six months, attracted by the "epic heroism" of the piece and the "psychological darkness" of the new production. Past work includes playing Jai, an erotic sculptor in the current film

release Kama Sutra. Now he hopes for "big movie roles with matching price tags" so that he can afford a country home. "I'm sick of London!" he cries merrily. "I want to be cut off from everywhere."

 Jesus Christ Superstar is at the Lyceum Theatre, Wellington Street, London WC2

School lessons + Legal aid + Air heads

No-hopers in the classroom

TEACHERS enjoy something of the honorary status of women: they are either revered or abominated; hailed as the prime mover in a child's life and simultaneously reviled for their inadequacles. The difficulty is - and this is an argument I've often good-naturedly had with my colleague on Critical Quar-terly, the brilliant education-ist, Bethan Marshall — most teachers are bad teachers. This is not because teachers are a particularly low specimen of nature - though we'll come to that later - but because it is consistently true of all people from all walks of

Talent or genuine ability, certainly brilliance, are always, necessarily, rare: most people who do things, whatever those things happen to be, are not particularly good at them; but lack of flair in most cases needn't matter so very much. In teaching it does, though. Bethan Marshall insists that most teachers are not bad, but average. Semantically she is correct: but for all practical purposes they are one and the same

A good teacher is a special teacher, the one above the average. Tony Blair well knows this, because he is using his old English teacher. Dr Eric Anderson, to head a television campaign to try to improve the "image" of teachers and teaching. Dr Anderson is evidently one of those teachers who can make a pupil want to learn — the only thing worth teaching - but then this is an easier proposition at Fettes School or Eton College, where his teaching posts have been.

Still, a good teacher is a good teacher anywhere. But what's bard now is that so few teachers at state schools can get on with teaching: most of the time they're having to act as social workers. And it doesn't surprise me that this puts off the most able and overcomes the least talented. The average inner-city school is no Malory Towers, even in its proposed and modernising television makeover.

But social difficulties and cultural anxieties aside, the real problem about teaching is that most people go into it because they can't think of anything better to do. In other words, most teachers are those graduates with the least imagination. I know money isn't everything, and it is particularly dispiriting when lack of ability is ignored in favour of a whine about lack of funding. But it has always seemed to me that the ease with which anyone can train to be a teacher (and now that there are so many vacancies on training courses, entrance procedure is hardly going to get more stringent), followed

by the poorness of the pay once qualified, cannot but encourage the no-hopers. That a few talented, motivated, exceptionally able dogooders are likewise welcomed, if grudgingly, is wonderful, but not enough.

Surely, if teacher training cally difficult, it would at least, after a while, confer some status on the profession. Those who got in would automatically gain kudos; now, they are almost derided. certainly pitied. Of course. teachers would have to get paid properly once they'd qualified. There's no getting around that, and I have never understood how those on the Right could seek to justify, intellectually, paying teachers poorly, when they more than anyone should realise that in



a capitalist society pay is directly linked to value and status.

But the one thing teacher training colleges have to do is turn away those uninspired applicants who haven't the wit or enterprise to do any-thing else. Of course, that would probably mean getting rid of most of those who run the teacher training courses, but there you go.

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All this, however, is the very opposite of what will happen: there aren't enough applicants for a huge number of teaching posts (mostly in science, maths and modern languages) and so, according to a . report on yesterday's Today programme, you can now get into teacher training with the sort of qualifications that are hardly reflective of academic

There may be something to say for this. After all, if you find learning easy, you may not have much understanding of what it must be like to find it gruellingly difficult. And yet, a good teacher has to be able to make the least academically inclined pupil wake up to the possibilities of the subject. In this respect, cleverness could be a handicap. But lack of eleverness doesn't nec- . essarily bring with it greater intuition or inspiration-infusing powers: we have evident proof of that already.

Clutching at apron strings

A LAW student has managed to get legal aid in order to sue his mother for her refusal to pay for him to go to university. He lives with his father and hasn't apparently had much to do with his mother for the past five years. But it's not this so much which invites comment (or, if it does, we probably would not be thanked by the courts for commenting on it), but the fact that this male student has two sisters who, instead of whining are working their way through university.

I don't wish to be sexist, but this hardly surprises me: I waitressed while I was at Oxford: it wouldn't have occurred to my parents that my brother should have to supplement his own grant. I say this not as a moan but, pitifully perhaps, as a boast. Still, the fact that this law

student is so well versed in the legal implications of his situation augurs well for his choice of career. Perhaps his mother should make a quick out-ofcourt settlement and finance him -- against a percentage of his future earnings.

Another world

THE forces of reaction being what they are, it is inevitable that British Airways should be assaulted for changing its tail-decorating logo from the familiar Union Jack. But I am ther detail of its campaign: the irritating voice-over from the advertisement, which smught advises that "the world is much closer than you think". This doesn't make any sense. Or do the copywriters come

from another planet?

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■ Farewell Cricklewood, I'm following in the slipstream of Martin Amis

double whammies but I have, this morning, no option: all I can pray is that you will somehow find the fortitude to bear what I bear to you. Provided. of course. that the first whammy has not already left you supine in some darkened room, gaunt and listless beneath your saline drip and waiting for a council carer to come in and massage your feet; in which event, you must not read one further word of this. That first whammy — for those of you still standing, albeit still reeling — was borne by

last weekend's Sunday Times, which, quite properly, gave over much of its front page to the shattering global news that Martin Amis was quitting the UK for New York, to escape media scrutiny and public preoccupation with his advances, his partner, and his teeth. to flee the new politics for which he so recently voted but with which he is now disappointed (he confesses himself nostalgic for Baroness Thatcher), to shed the "middle-class boredom" of Britain and — since "I have only got one big London book left to write — emigrate to where the history of the next century is already being written.".

What an extraordinary and culturally devastating coincidence! For I, too, have been suffering those self-same torments and, having come to those self-same conclusions, am determined to leave Cricklewood for good. I only have one big Cricklewood column left to write - it will address man's eternal quest to discover why, four years ago. a Barnet council workman bothered to draw a red ring around the pothole outside my house, when it remains a pothole to this day - and, as soon as it is written, I shall be off.

I have had more than enough of media scrutiny (the Ham & High rings up every summer to ask which paperback I am taking on holiday) and as for the public's preoccupation with my advances, every time I bring a book out someone asks me what I got for it and then nods and says he'd always wondered why I was forced to do so much daytime television, doesn't your wife work? Whereupon, my having replied that she is a doctor, he immediately rolls his trousers up and asks her to have a look at his knee, so if Martin thinks society is obsessed with his partner, let me ask him how often the radiant Isabel has been required to feel a wonky patella during her soup course while simultaneously trying to avoid the eye of the woman opposite who has clearly been stitched up, every which way, by a dodgy plastic surgeon and now, alerted by the exposed joint, wants to know whom to sue?

s for my teeth, preoccupation with A these is reaching hysteria. I have this year alone had six reminders from my dentist to come in for a check-up, each more threatening than the last. Any day now l expect to hear the unmistakable noise of a man towing a drill up a garden path, so the sooner I change addresses the better.

And yes, like Martin, I am disillusioned with new Tony. It's been weeks now, and nobody in Cricklewood seems better educated, healthier, richer or more caring. All that has happened is that The Cricklewood Arms, our only middle-class pub, has changed its name to The Ferret & Firkin, which seems, so far, to have done little to lift the boredom for which it has been a byword throughout the 25 years I have been going in, having a quick pint and going out again, without anyone looking up from the Daily Mail crossword. There used, mind, to be a fairly interesting greengrocer opposite, he had once played in goal for Cyprus, but his wife left him last year and he went back to Nicosia.

So I have concluded, like Martin, that enough is enough (and here I must apologise to the Editor, who was desperate to run the story as a front-page lead until I told him that, if he did, my only column idea was this pothole with a red ring around it) and it is

time to pack my traps and quit Cricklewood. I am going where the history of the next century is already being written. I have often sat in its shimmering gridlock, day and night, rapt with envy at the radiant hypermarkets and bustling fast-food outlets and teeming wine bars of the city that never sleeps. And I, too, am nostalgic for Lady Thatcher. I shall emigrate to Finchley.



The disunited States

n just five months, the Washington gibe that Tony Blair is "Clinton-lite" has vanished. Now the insinuation is that the President has become "Blair-lite": fluent in radical rhetoric but, unlike the Labour leader, incapable of delivering on promises of

In this week's tour of Latin America, Mr Clinton called for a united continent of the Americas, woven together with the webs of trade. He may yet get something like it, although Congress has so far deprived him of the negotiating authority which would give his pledge weight. It is at home that his call for unity — for "one America" -- sounds hollow. He has made this the theme of his second term. but the real story of the Clinton presidency is the startling shift in power from Washington to the 50 states.

Some in the Administration see this "new federalism" as a fashion of the age, and Scotland and Wales as the latest to promenade its colours. But while the White House has collaborated in America's current exercise in devolution, it is near-powerless to affect the results, even when they threaten the nation's cohesion

and competitiveness. Throughout the summer, the President's crutches and plastered leg served as all-tooapt symbols of Washington's impotence. But with the torn cartilage healed, he is still paralysed. Like the crippled voyeur in Hitchcock's Rear Window, watching the lighted windows of the apartments opposite the President is forced to watch the tableau of

the states acting out their diverging Indeed the US, so often Germanic in its instincts, is beginning to resemble

Germany in its legislative paralysis at national level. The dangers of too much federalism were pointed out two weeks ago by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, which offered Germany as a cautionary tale to other countries. Real power in the US at the moment

resides in the state Capitols. Each edifice is a mimic of the dome dominating Washington, but each is occupied by a governor, whether Democrat or Republican, who is able to pursue more radical policies than anyone in Washington.

In welfare reform, under new powers granted by last year's legislation, the governors are devising novel ways of shoehorning people into the workforce,

A devolutionary tide is sweeping away Washington's power and dissolving social bonds, says US editor Bronwen Maddox

To the astonishment and fury of many

congressional Democrats, the trend has

continued under Mr Clinton's presiden-

cy. He has been an agent in the erosion

late abortions, and affirmative action.

To outsiders, particularly new

Labour's policy afficionados, the kaleido-

scope is at least educational. The 50

states have become a giant laboratory, a

testing-ground for every so-

cial or economic philosophy

ever mooted in the side cau-

cuses of British party

trend is potentially damaging.

In subtle ways, the shift has

handicapped America's abili-

ty to understand itself. If the

federal Government em-

barked on any social reforms.

guide to the general.

it was obliged to compile detailed data

on the results - before, during and

afterwards. The states have no such

obligation. The shift has also left the

American press at sea. Wedded to vox

populi — the folksy interviews with real-life cases which lead into every

story - newspapers are floundering

now that the particular is such a poor

Mr Clinton is right, too, to have

sounded an alarm on the threat to social

cohesion. The new federalism is predi-

cated, at least in part, on the belief that the South has shed its bigory and intol-

erance. But as Mr Clinton pointed out in

a speech last month in his home town of

Little Rock, Arkansas, many schools and

neighbourhoods have effectively reseg-

But to the US itself, the

conferences.

notably by cutting off their benefits. In combating crime, California is famously experimenting with life sentences for three-times offenders, Louisiana with curiews and Alabama with chain gangs of prisoners. The ambition which America used to devote to Big Science - today's scheduled launch of the Saturn probe Cassini is one of the last of these flamboyant projects — is now deployed in Big Social Science. This year, Massachusetts and Califor-nia have even ventured into setting their

own terms of trade, in deciding unilaterally to apply sanctions against US companies trading with Burma in response to its human rights violations. At first Washington politicians were tempted to treat this as a droll manoeuvre: to British eyes it has something of the air of Passport to Pimlico. But

recently both parties have denounced "the Balkanisation of foreign policy". Of course, the passion for

states' rights is hardly new; it springs straight from the US Constitution. That document famously reserves to the states, or to the people, all powers not explicitly given to the federal Government. Since the 1860s Civil War,

when the South lost its battle to secede and to preserve slavery, the national Government has made few attempts to increase its sway. Most dramatic of these was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1930s New Deal, which gave the federal Government a bigger role in welfare, health and social security. The most recent bid was by the civil rights movement of the 1960s and 1970s; in sending federal troops to enforce desegregation, Washington said in effect that if the US is to be one nation, the principle of racial equality must be upheld from coast to coast.

Since then, the inclination of Republican Administrations has been to give the states their head. Presidents Nixon and Reagan made it their mission to "get big government" off the backs of ordinary people. So did Newt Gingrich, Republi-

impact. In telecommunications and electricity, the US has become astoundingly stuck in trying to promote local competition. Repeatedly, federal government intentions have been styrned by state regulators or courts. It would be comic were these not industries whose unnecessarily high prices handicap every person and business in the can Speaker of the House of Representa-To those concerned about the effects of tives, in his 1994 Contract with America.

devolution 1990s-style, it may be some compensation that the trend may reverse. The dirty secret of new federalism is that while the shift in power is represented as the fruit of ideology, it is

of his own power, most strikingly by signing last year's welfare reform Bill. The Supreme Court has helped since the presidential election it has overmore powerfully fuelled by money.

the federal Government has run a
headline grabbing deficit, although
shrinking, this stood at \$111 billion last turned some of Mr Clinton's favourite campaign pledges, such as curbing internet pornography and gun sales.
Scenting the wind, states have moved year. But states and local governments thanks to \$218 billion of federal subsidies - ran a \$105 billion surplus. It to grab more power, making their own is a rarely challenged law of politics that policy on the medical use of marijuana, power shifts to the place with most

States current bounty will not last. The level of federal subsidies was set during the 1991 recession and will soon ratchet down. Meanwhile, the states

costs will rise a second hidden truth often overlooked by Mr Blair's British political strategists keen on transatlantic comparreforms isons is that welfare reform is costing local government a fortune in childcare and have the transport costs 1 air of

That imminent financial rebalancing will reveal that revolution the US has tackled the question of who should subsidise

whom with as little directness as have Westminster and Scotland. It will show too, without doubt, that Americans are more attached to federal cash than it has suited the states-rights brigade to recognise. They are happy to pour scorn on Washington, until there is a flood in the Dakotas or a tornado in Arkansas:

But in the meantime, until financial forces puncture the ebullience of the governors, it is no wonder that Washington politicians look wistfully at Downing Street. The reforms of the Blair Government have the air of revolution, irresistible to any politician with half an eye on the history books. Ironically, given America's origins, it is a revolution which the US Government cannot hope to emulate.

regated themselves since the 1970s.

Most serious, though, is the economic Simon Jenkins is away

Not quite first past the post

Sir Robin Day on the best option for

electoral reform

n June 1931, Winston Churchill delivered his celebrated condemnation of the Alternative Vote. A Bill to introduce this system of electoral reform was then going through the House of Commons. Churchill denounced it as "the stupidest, the least scientific and the most unreal" of all plans for electural reform. The decision in many constituencies would, he gave warning, be made "by the most worthless votes given for the most worthless candidates." Chur-chill explained with withering scome "imagine making the representation of great constituencies dependent on the second preferences of the hindmost candidates."

Leaving aside his eccentric grammar and enjoyable hyperbole, Churchill's argument is not without force. We may expect his words to be quoted again and again as powerful ammunition in the forthcoming battle about electoral re-form. The Government has pledged that "an independent commission on voting systems will be appointed early to recommend a proportional afternative to the first-past-the-post system". The world proportional should not be too strictly interpreted B. Should not be too strictly interpreted. It should not preclude the commission (perhaps to be headed by Lord Jankins of Hillhead) from deciding that the Alternative Vote (AV) is one of the voting systems to be

To experts, AV is not proportional, but it is often defined in reference books as a form of proportional representation. And in common political parlance AV is used to mean a system of electoral reform which is similar to, but simpler than, PR.

The Alternative Vote is simplicity itself. It is preferential voting in singlemember constituencies. Instead of marking X against one candidate on the ballot paper, you mark the candidates 1.

2. 3 and 4. depending on how many there are. The candidate with an absolute majority (over 50 per cent) of the first preferences wins outright. If no candidate gets ever 50 per cent the candidate gets over 50 per cent, the candidate at the bottom of the poll is eliminated. The bottom candidate's votes are then transferred to the other candidates according to the preferences marked. This simple process continues until one of the leading candidates gets over 50 per cent.

It is worth remembering that in 1931 the Alternative Vote nearly became law in the UK. The Commons passed the Bill but a general election intervened and the Bill never became an Act.

it will be fiercely opposed by those (such as the Liberal Democrats) who have long demanded the system of proportional representation known as the Single Transferable Vote (STV). Under STV, you are liable to have permanent coalition government. STV is the system in the Irish Republic STV requires jumbo-sized, multi-member constituencies. It cannot be used for by elections.

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The AV system cannot be claimed to produce a proportional result nationally. But the case for AV is clear. It is simple. It does not involve an upheaval in our electoral process, it teeps the single-member seat, with the much-valued link between member and constituents irrespective of party. AV ensures that no MP can be elected on a minority vote. It would thus be fairer than first-past-the-post, under which many MPs can be elected even though more votes have been cast against them than for them.

STV achieves a more proportional result nationally, but AV is manifestly more fair in each of the individual constituencies on which our parliamentary system is based. Nevertheless, AV could be made even

simpler in three new ways which the forthcoming commission should consider. In the first place, the second preferences of eliminated candidates would count as only half-votes. Thus 2,940 second preferences would transfer as only 1,470 votes to the remaining candidates. A third preference would transfer as a third of a vote. Thus 760 third preferences would be transferred, when rounded down, as 253 votes. Likewise fourth preferences, if any. would count as quarter votes. Hence the weight of any preferences transferred from "worthless" bottom-of-the-poll candidates would be significantly reduced. Secondly, not more than four preferences on any ballot paper, no matter how many candidates were standing. would be permitted. Finally, no preferences could be transferred if the candidate polled less than, for example, 3 per cent of the vote. This would not only simplify the whole AV process; it would

were thrown away on single-issue These three important modifications would weaken the force of the Churchill argument They would strengthen the case for AV. No voting system is perfect. but AV is surely the most reasonable and least unacceptable system of electoral reform for the House of Commons.

also mean that fewer first preferences

The commission will know, only too well, that innumerable commissions, conferences and inquiries have already ploughed this field. So let it report without delay, before the next century begins. The Government is committed to a referendum. Will the merits of different voting systems excite the popular interest or kindle the popular comprehension? We can only wonder!

If we are to have electoral reform, the case for AV, refined as suggested, seems overwhelming. The commission may agree. The Government may agree. Butthe people will decide.

wait, and see.

Pass over

story. The Archbishop of Canterbury shares a peculiar passion for Arsenal with the Chief Rabbi. The unlikely couple are planning a trip to Highbury, the club's North London ground.

The news is likely to alarm more traditional members of Dr Jonathan Sacks's flock who think he has done quite enough cosying up to the Christian establishment without cheering on the Gunners with Dr George Carey.

But in December this outbreak of inter-faith harmony could be driven offside. The duo have invited Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of British Roman Catholics. to a future match between Arsenal and Newcastle United. Problem: the Cardinal is a Newcastle man.

Football has brought Dr Carey and myself together, and I was wondering if it would also work the same magic with Cardinal Hume," says the Chief Rabbi, who spent his formative years within a corner kick of Highbury. "I am just slightly worried that this fixture will ruin 50 years of good inter-faith relations."

As Voltaire could have warned them, a drubbing on the pitch can do terrible damage to one's religious faith. Sacks recalls a particuManchester United. "We went down 6-2, one of our worst home defeats ever. Dr Carey and I spoke about it and agreed that God is a

 ROYAL types really are taking their cause to the people. Ex-King Constantine of Greece is considering appearing on a chat show. He will defend monarchy in a live grilling on CNN from two old rottweilers, David Frost and Larry



Who is more powerful, a drugs czar or a drugs baron?

King. If the King should receive a hard time from Mr King, he might hit back with a little on-air revelation: that Mr King, a man most proud of his appearance, visits a hairdresser daily.

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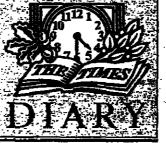
Martin McGuinness: poet. In a rather macabre attempt to show a softer side, the hard man of Irish nationalism has taken to writing verse. James Joyce he is not. Entitled Postcard, a copy of his first effort has come my way.

The words "gloriously crimson" and "from Bloody Foreland" hit the eye; but here he is not talking of his day job, but of sunsets. He was inspired, if inspiration it be, by a fundraising trip to Manhat-tan. What next? The love poetry of the Rev Ian Paisley?

Slippery slope

HE likes his holidays, Tony Blair. After his Tuscan jaunt, our Labour Prime Minister has been considering an even more congenial winter break: a week skiing at Klosters. the Swiss resort favoured by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of York.

Tony and Cherie Blair - neither whom is thought to have skied as an adult - have discussed visiting the resort over new year with



their three children. For playmates, the boys might stumble across Princes William and Harry, who learnt to ski before they could shake hands and are regulars. They were soundly beaten at football on the lawn at Chequers by the Blair boys and might welcome a chance to chuck snowballs at the novices as they tumble on

the nursery slopes. But Blair is worried that to be the first PM in living memory to go skiing he might be accused of

■ BEFORE we grow too exercised

by the Booker Prize, a look at sales of the shortlist is instructive. Whitaker Booktrack, which monitors 2,000 high street bookshops, says that Arundhati Roy's The God of Small Things sold 892; Bernard Mac Laverty's Grace Notes, 451; Jim Crace's Quarantine, 247: Mick Jackson's The Underground Man, 173; Tim Parks's

Europa, 378; and Madeleine St John's mad The Essence of the Thing, 997. Oh, and Andrew Morton's sales in just one week?

Rosy David

DAVID BLUNKETT is to tell a church congregation how his formative years were "baptised with cidrous kisses behind the baycock". The startling disclosure will be made to a memorial service at St James's, Piccadilly, for Laurie Lee, that masterful depicter of rural childhoods.

Bhankett will be talking about Cider with Rosie and how the book reflects his own schooldays, his identity with the school and his mistress," said Jock Gallagher, an old friend of Lee's.

Christopher Fry, the nonagenarian bard, has written a poem for the occasion. The last verse reads: "And when the pilgrimage. is made/ The shadow meeting with the shade,/ The graver music will purling still/ By Painswick stream and Birdlip Hill."

● A MODERN law: as the waistline contracts, the bank balance expands. After Lord Lawson of Blaby made a packet detailing his transformation from whale to shrimp, his wife, Thérèse, is publishing the recipes that shrunk the former Chancellor of the Exche-



Thérèse Lawson: profit

auer from 16 to 12 stone. Entitled Middle Aged Spreads, it is intended as a practical sequel to The Nigel Lawson Diet Book, which warbled on about the merits of starvation. Her agent, Michael Sissons, smells profit. "If sales of Nigel's book are anything to go by, we're on to something good." he says. "Sainsbury's is very excited she's already started contributing to its magazine." Oh dear.

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BLAIR'S RUSSIAN FRONT

A guide to the rumblings from supporters of EMU

Will he, won't he, will he, won't he, will he join the single currency? The reports that have been popping up in various newspapers recently have an Alice in Wonderland air to them. Their pro-EMU progenitors perhaps hope that their appearance will in itself make their truth more likely; that the more the markets and our European partners anticipate Britain's entry into EMU, the harder it will be for the Prime Minister to resist the "inevitable".

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Some commentators have interpreted this as an attempt by Gordon Brown himself to bounce Tony Blair into joining the single currency. The Chancellor is thought to be keener than the Prime Minister on Britain's entry and, as the decision date nears, his enthusiasm seems to be waxing rather than waning. But it seems as near certain as anything can be in the spin-doctor's world that Mr Brown is not the man behind the leaks. They emanate from other pro-EMU ministers, who will have no real influence on

Mr Brown may be in favour, even though his long list of economic conditions for entry is far from being met. But Mr Blair is nothing if not a political Prime Minister. He may be enticed, as were some Tories, by the argument that Britain cannot "lead" in Europe if it remains outside EMU. But he may not lead for much longer in Britain if he fails to persuade a reluctant country to join. The personal stakes are huge; and joining EMU represents an enormous risk for a farfrom-guaranteed reward.

Mr Blair cannot be sure, even if Britain does join, that it can in any sense win leadership of Europe. France and Germany's decision to set up a triumvirate with Russia was a sign, if any were needed, of the enduring strength of the Franco-German axis. No postwar British politician has managed to sunder that relationship, uthough many have tried.

Nor can Mr Blair be sure of winning a referendum on EMU, either now or nearer the next election. If he could only scrape the ever be, how will he persuade the British to back the single currency when his popularity is likely to be lower and when, unlike Welsh devolution, there is a clear majority against it?

Even if he were to win, the Prime Minister must be contemplating the political problems of joining. The uniform interest rate for the euro would be likely to exacerbate recessions, bringing high unempk.yment, and to exaggerate booms, leading to uncomfortable inflationary pressures. For instance, if Britain were to join while its growth was higher than those of its partners, it would have to make do with lower interest rates than its economy demands. So, to curb inflation, Mr Blair would find himself forced to raise taxes and cut public spending - not actions likely to enhance his domestic political position. Nor would the electorate thank him for higher-than-necessary unemployment in a downturn because Britain was unable to cut interest rates. Moreover, the likelihood of Labour win-

ning a referendum on EMU has been much reduced by events in Blackpool last week. Some Labour ministers had seen a referendum as a useful device to split the Tories. But at their party conference, Conservatives showed an unexpected willingness to unite behind William Hague's leadership. The pro-Europeans on the Left of the party have been kept in line by his promises of greater tolerance and compassion; they can no longer use a "lurch to the Right" as an alibi for splitting away or supporting Labour. And, now that Mr Hague has accepted that joining the ERM was a mistake and has apologised for it, he can use the strongest argument against the single currency: that it will be like the ERM only worse, because extrication will be almost impossible.

Mr Blair may think that his big majority makes him impregnable. When politicians feel insulated from public opinion, they often make their biggest errors. An attempt to join the single currency could be Mr Blair's Russian front, the single act of historical Welsh devolution vote by 0.6 per cent at a miscalculation, misguided ambition and time when his esteem was as high as it will overreach that jeopardises his entire career.

BECKENHAM BECKONS

Merchant's misfortune must be Portillo's opportunity

A strange story has reached a bizarre conclusion. Piers Merchant's decision to resign his seat in the House of Commons seems to make little sense to the outside observer. He clung on to his constituency despite immense pressure for his sacrifice from Conservative Central Office during the general election. He retained Beckenham and, by the standards of the great Labour landslide, kept a comfortable majority. The swing against him was not exceptional. Despite all that, six months later, he is out.

Politics is not a sentimental profession. One man's misfortune represents another's opportunity. A staunchly Conservative seat has become available rather earlier than might have been expected. That the circumstances are so odd does not alter the fact that the selectors of the Beckenham Conservative Association and the electors of that constituency now have the chance to exercise an unusual influence on British politics. This can be achieved if they return Michael Portillo to Westminster.

Mr Portillo has not shown that much enthusiasm so far for a swift return to the political arena. He has been at pains to note the powerful swing against him in his Enfield Southgate seat. But Labour's performance in his patch was not atypical of its astonishing achievement across a swath of North London constituencies. He has sought seriously to analyse and sincerely to respect the views of those who chose to oust him.

Mr Portillo has also been influenced by two practical factors. As a thoughtful

politician, he has not wanted to impose himself on other Tories without being certain that he had arguments of merit and originality to deploy. To that extent he has spent the past six months contemplating his own approach to the main issues that face his party and the country. He has also been aware that his return to active politics would inevitably lead to speculation that he would be seen as a rival to William Hague. He has done his utmost to smother that notion.

Mr Portillo's brave and electrifying speech on the fringe of the Conservative Party conference should have done much to allay his own concerns. That address confirmed his towering authority among Tories - and also beyond them - but was also accurately interpreted as exceptionally helpful to Mr Hague. It may in time prove to be the most significant speech offered by a Conservative in Opposition since Sir Keith Joseph's embrace of monetarism some 23 years ago.

In this light, his renewed presence in the House of Commons would be rightly seen as an immense asset for the new Conservative leadership. The Shadow Cabinet is not, to put it kindly, awash with exciting figures at the moment. British politics does not have such a surplus of charismatic individuals that it can afford to keep men of Mr Portillo's standing on the sidelines. He probably feels that it is still too early for him to resume a career in Parliament. That is an extremely honourable position. Nonetheless, as Adlai Stevenson once said, chivalry is for the knights, the contest is for the politicians.

ARTISTIC LICENCE

Museums should both borrowers and lenders be

Bleak House has come to the Clyde. A wrangle over a will as complex as the legal dispute in Dickens's novel has divided Glasgow's burghers and is fascinating the wider art world. Julian Spalding, the imaginative and populist Director of Glasgow's Museums, is attempting to override the last wishes of one of the city's most generous benefactors. The shipping magnate, Sir William Burrell, left his magnificent art collection to Glasgow on condition that its contents were never transported overseas, but Mr Spalding believes that the passage of time has rendered Sir William's lears redundant. He wants to lend items from the Burrell Collection to other galleries in order that Sir William's works enjoy a wider audience and Glasgow's citizens might, in turn, enjoy reciprocal loans. In an echo of Jarnayce v Jarnayce, Mr Spalding is opposed by those closest to him, his own trustees. Their respect for Sir William's wishes shows admirable piety but they should not elevate the fears of one Glaswegian, however great, over the benefits to art

lovers everywhere. Yesterday the parliamentary commission which will decide the matter heard from the Director of the National Gallery, Neil MacGregor. He declinined to take sides, but marshalled powerful arguments for Mr Spalding. Mr MacGregor pointed out that the lending and borrowing anticipated by Mr Spalding has, in other instances, increased public attendance, both through the local population's visiting the temporary exhibition at the borrowing museum and through increased exposure for the lending collection further afield".

Sir William's fears about the dangers of transporting his works by sea are torpedoed by Mr MacGregor, who claims that he is aware of "no risk differential between domestic and overseas lending". Even were there to be a risk. Mr Spalding should be within his rights to disregard it. As Mr MacGregor pointed out, under Section 5(3) of the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, a trust's provisions on lending from a national gallery can be overridden after 50 years. If Liverpool's art galleries can be considered national, and they have, can those of the Empire's Second City be denied that dignity?

Mr Spalding's opponents fear that the flouting of Sir William's wishes may make it more difficult to tempt benefactors to leave their collections to British museums in the future. Patrons, they believe; may be inclined to bequeath their treasures to foreign jurisdictions where their wishes will be respected in perpetuity. If these fears are justified then that is a matter for Parliament, not Mr Spalding, who is acting, as the law allows, in Glasgow's best interests. In practice, however, it would be a remarkably eccentric benefactor who allowed his prejudice against a potential temporary loan to overcome the feelings which would prompt him to leave a memorial in the city to which he was sentimentally attached.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Party politics and the choice of JPs

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, You report today that I was criticised by Mrs Anne Fuller, Chairman of the Magistrates' Association, for what I said in my address to the association about the politics of magistrates. In fact, we are at one: the politics of professional judges and lay magistrates, alike, play no part in

In my address I spoke about something entirely different: the need to achieve political and social balance on benches. The political beliefs of candidates for the magistracy are irrelevant in deciding their suitability for appointment. Suitability is the overriding criterion, Advisory committees on the appointment of JPs have to recommend suitable candidates who will help create benches broadly reflecting the communities they serve in terms of gender, ethnic origin, occupation, geographical loca-tion and political persuasion. No candidate who is unsuitable would ever be appointed so as to improve political

Broadly speaking, gender balance is good throughout the country, at about 50/50. Ethnic minorities, too, are generally fairly represented at 6 to 7 per cent of new appointments. It is political and social balance that is not realised in practice. There should be a proper balance of suitable people who support the main political parties, as well as those who are politically uncommitted. Benches of magistrates should be microcosms of their com-

The need for a political balance was rescribed by two royal commissions, in 1910 and 1948. That policy has been pursued by both Conservative and Labour Lord Chancellors ever since. It was also endorsed by the Council of the Magistrates' Association in 1995. All that was new in what I said to the Magistrates' Association was my determination to bring practice into line with long-standing policy.

I am determined to achieve a social and political balance. I raised the upper age limit for appointment from 55 to 65 to provide a larger pool of suitable candidates to take particular advantage of those in that group who have taken early retirement. For the time being I have also suspended the requirement that benches should be balanced in terms of age. I have also commissioned the Central Office of Information to undertake research to advise how recruitment initiatives could be better targeted to reach the whole of society.

Service as a magistrate is a major opportunity and civic duty. The steps I am taking are designed to ensure that all people throughout society have a real opportunity to participate.

Yours sincerely, IRVINE of LAIRG. House of Lords. October 13,

Local justice

From Mr Michael J. Pengelly, JP

Sir, The closing of courthouses deplored by Mr Alan Baldwin (letter, October 10) is becoming commonplace in the shires. Dorset has proposals before it to close a further four courts in the county over the next five years. Magistrates' courts committees all over the country are having to face up to the challenge of diminishing government funding. In brief, they are strapped for cash, through no fault of their own.

Our judicial system has long prided itself on local justice for local people. It has proved itself to be an effective and convenient method for all court users, not just for defendants and magistrates. Distant courts will inevitably lead to a further increase in the number of adjournments and delays. diverting valuable resources, such as the police, away from their main tasks. If such inconvenience was to be matched by better justice, that might be another matter.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL J. PENGELLY, Gorwell Farm, Abbotsbury, Weymouth, Dorset. October 11.

From the Chairman of the Hong Kong Magistrates' Association

Sir, The Hong Kong model addresses some of the issues raised by your correspondents on October 10.

In this jurisdiction unqualified magistrates deal with a huge number of regulatory and traffic cases, enabling the legally qualified mag-istrates (the equivalent of stipendiaries) to deal with criminal cases where sentences of up to two years' imprisonment may be appropriate. It is estimated that between 30 and 40 per cent of trials in magistrates' courts here would be Crown Court trials in England and Wales.

Those with experience of both systems cannot understand the logic in the jurisdiction of stipendiaries being the same as a lay bench. En-larging it would properly reflect the supendiaries' training and experience and enhance the reputation of the magistracy generally; it would also reduce the burden on the Crown Court, keep more (and more serious) cases at the local level and, ultimately, represent better value for money.

Yours faithfully. PAUL KELLY, Chairman, Hong Kong Magistrates' Association. Eastern Law Courts, Sai Wan Ho, Hong Kong. October 13.

Computer literacy in the classroom

From the Vice-Chairman of the Campaign for Real Education

Sir, To the delight of the information technology industry, including its king Mr Bill Gates, Mr Blair is to commit £100 million of public money to updating forever obsolescent school computer equipment. "A fine ambition", you say fleading article. October 8; report, same day). Is it?

There may be a case for familiarising pupils with computers before they leave school. However, Britain's competitiveness in educational achievement — where it is deficient — is in inverse proportion to its competitiveness in computerised schooling where it is already unrivalled.

Mr Todd Oppenheimer, writing recently on "the computer delusion" in Atlantic Monthly, tells us that evidence from the computerised classrooms of the United States suggests that "reliance on a machine ... too often dumbs down children's thinking rather than expanding it".

This finding is paralleled by international studies which place British children low in mathematical achievement but high in calculator use, suggesting that children who work out sums on calculators have difficulty calculating with their brains.

All this suggests that £100 million is to be spent on a political girnmick. Does Mr Blair want British children to come top for educational achievement, or top for computer use? Pull back, Mr Blair, before it's too late.

Yours truly, KATIE IVENS, Vice-Chairman, Campaign for Real Education. 18 Westlands Grove, Stockton Lane, York

From Mr J. E. F. Clarke

Sir, In your leader today you state: Already British children are among the most computer literate in the

Hmm, here's to the time when you can state with equal confidence that they are also among the most literate and indeed, in the broadest sense,

Yours faithfully, JAMES CLARKE, 13 Oakbank, Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey. October 8.

EU plan to lower drink-drive limit

From Dr Peter B. Baker

Sir, in the debate on whether to change blood alcohol limit in the UK and other EU member states (report, October 9) it is important both to retain sight of the objective of any change and to recognise the growing body of evidence which suggests there may be two populations of drivers who drink and drive.

The available evidence that the current limit is set too high and that drivers ability is reduced very signifi-cantly at a lower level appears irrefutable. Evidence that the proposed new limit suggested by Mr Neil Kinnock (50mg per 100ml of blood not per litre as you report) still doubles the risk of an accident suggests that this latter level is still too high.

A lower limit (wherever it may be set) will undoubtedly result in more positive tests and convictions; but it may not entirely meet the objective of any change. Recent work by Jones and Andersson (Journal of Forensic Sciences, June 1996) provides reasonable evidence, based on a Swedish study, that heavy drinkers and alcoholics are over-represented among those apprehended for driving whilst under the influence. Thus, whilst a lower limit may catch more so-called social drinkers (and hopefully discourage them from drinking and driving completely), this may not result in those who habitually drink and drive ceasing to do so. It may be that at the same time as

the limit is revised (as it should be). the consequences for those apprehended either for a second time or with levels far in excess of the legal limit should be examined and made more ounitive. Yours faithfully,

PETER B. BAKER, 9 Kenilworth Road, Ealing, W5. October 10.

From Mr Hugh Johnson

Sir, Neil Kinnock, who failed so convincingly in his attempt to lead the country from within, now returns with all the confidence of a Brussels functionary. Preposterously, he linked the drunk/drugged state of the Paris Ritz security man with our domestic Lowering the blood-alcohol limit in

rural areas would do very little to save lives, but a great deal to impoverish

Wasn't Kinnock supposed to be deregulating European air transport? When we can circulate round Europe as cheaply as Americans around the US he will have earned a serious audience. Not before.

Yours etc. HUGH JOHNSON, Saling Hall, Great Saling, Essex.

DNA profiles

From Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, Today's letter from Drs M. S. Humphreys and B. J. Brockman, both psychiatrists, surprised me. They object to their hospital in-patients who have committed certain offences being profiled for DNA.

Do they not have former patients who have committed serious offences who deeply resent police coming to interview them whenever a similar crime is repeated locally? These patients may still be under supervision by virtue of the original court order but have long since recovered. The police have to do their job but the patients feel stigmatised and wonder if they will ever be able to put the past

How useful, therefore, to have their profiles on record and thus be eliminated as suspects without the police coming round to their homes. A simple explanation by the hospital staff will surely convince patients that testing is in their own interests. It should be welcomed.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT REEVES (Consultant forensic psychiatrist). 10 Harley Street, WI.

Snap judgment From Mr D. B. Gurrey

Sir, Dr T. Varagunam (letter, October 10) maintains that "one who truly loves and honours the spouse cannot but help obey".

But what happens when two spouses argue about who is to do the washing-up? Is it a case of a sort of matrimonial game of "snap", whereby the one who gets his/her bid in first (the moment the final pudding-spoon is laid down perhaps) can demand obedience from the other?

Yours faithfully D. B. GURREY. Cwm Farm, Forden, Welshpool, Powys.

Horses for courses

From Mr Christopher Nutt

Sir, Today your Sport section has articles on rugby by Hands, on horses by Barnes and, best of all, "Groins add to the strain" by Truss,
Is this some employment policy? If

so, I am glad not to be assignable by you, as I remain

Your obedient servant. C, Y. NUTT, 54 Rosebank, Holyport Road, SW6.

NHS funding From the President of the

Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association

Sir. Your report today that extra money is to be found for the NHS to alleviate the impending winter crisis in the hospital services is to be welcomed.

Most hospitals have closed wards and taken beds out of service in recent vears. To reopen these wards and beds needs staff, both nursing and medical. It is currently difficult to recruit staff to the recognised establishment levels; to offer short-term contracts for a few months with little or no security of employment is therefore unlikely to succeed.

The Government needs to make a firm financial commitment to NHS hospital services that once these facilities are reopened the necessary funding will be found on an annual basis to keep them open. Yours faithfully.

R. LOVEDAY, President, Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association. l Kingsclere Road, Overton, Basingstoke, Hampshire. October 13.

Solti and Bartok

From Lord Birkett

Sir, "Who was the greatest conduc-tor?" — even if confined to Hungarians (Mr Peter Timar's letter, October 8) - is at the best a pointless party game, since there can be no correct answer. And it is surely unlikely that the Hungarian Ambassador, in talking of Solti and Bartok, meant to call in question the relative importance of composers and conductors. If he had, the shade of Solti (his brand-new autobiography in his hand) would have descended to protest that interpreters are only the servants of composers.

I imagine the ambassador was thinking of national pride - which he has some cause to do, since Hungary can boast an amazingly long line of great composers, conductors and musicians of all sorts.

The only important point is that the decision about a final resting place, even in the case of a very great conductor, must rest with his own stated wishes and with his family.

Yours sincerely. BIRKETT. House of Lords.

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Abortion's taboos and hard choices

From Mrs Penny Seabrook

Sir, Whilst I share Debbie Beckerman's wish to shatter the taboos associated with abortion (article, October 13), I found her assessment of her predicament and her stated reasons for opting for abortion rather

The latter seem reasonable enough on practical grounds, but omit any consideration of the sacredness and mystery of life; nor was any ground conceded to the power of love which, as many parents of children conceived "accidentally" can testify, has an uncanny ability to strengthen in adversity. "Equilibrium", moreover, whilst a much valued aspect of family life, is not a static concept and needs to be constantly adjusted as new chal-lenges present themselves.

As Debbie noted, the decision to go ahead with a pregnancy or not should be essentially a private one but one that should not preclude a great deal of soul-searching vis-a-vis the life of the unborn child. Sacrifice of career, the need to re-evaluate family life and to accept a period of difficulty are a small price to pay for the joy of welcoming another, quite unique child into the world.

Yours faithfully. PENNY SEABROOK, 121 Home Park Road, SW19. October 13.

From Dr Nicholas Hallam

Sir, While applauding the courage of Debbie Beckerman in writing her article, I find her argument unconvincing. She writes My overriding concern ... was with the pregnancy itself and the baby's possible welfare" and "I simply could not face the prospect ... above all, of risking the health of the child". And with this reasoning the baby was then aborted.

True, her existing two children had been born prematurely and one had required a long stay in special care and Mrs Beckerman feared a similar outcome for this pregnancy; but apparently those fears would have been bearable if the pregnancy had been planned.

She says also "Abortion is a private and painful decision and no one should have to talk about it". One instinctively sympathises with this but, in a climate of liberal abortion practice when women effectively choose what to do and doctors who protest are often ignored, it does raise one question. Who is accountable for the life of the unborn child?

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS HALLAM (Hospital consultant), Il Ravelrig Park, Balerno, Edinburgh 14. October 13.

Gaffes of today

From Mr Toby Jessel

Sir. The last two decades have seen a great flowering of political, cultural, family and economic links between Britain and India - to be crystallised in the Queen's current goodwill visit to mark India's golden jubilee.

As you suggest today (leading article, "Cooking up a storm"), it would be a pity if any of this were to be put at risk by Robin Cook. What is now needed is for Robin

Cook publicly to recognise, and to understand, India's position and sensitivities over Kashmir, Perhaps, too, it would help if opinion-formers in India did not make quite so much of a meal of one gaffe by a new, inexperienced and tactless minister. Yours sincerely,

TOBY JESSEL (Chairman, Indo-British Parliamentary Group, 1991-97), The Old Court House, Hampton Court, East Molesey, Surrey. October 14.

Gaffes of yesterday

From Colonel Brian Lees

Sir. The Foreign Secretary's recent faux pas with the Saudi Foreign Minister (leading article, September 25) and now with the Indians are well in keeping with his distinguished (old Labour) predecessor, Tony Crosland. I recall that his casual treatment of a particularly important foreign visitor I was escorting almost caused a

serious diplomatic incident. When I asked a young private secretary the reason for his crass behaviour. I was told that "the Secretary of State is not very good with foreigners".

New Labour is the party of tradition in one respect at least.

BRIAN LEES (Defence Attaché, Jeddah, 1975-79), The Old Rectory. Kenley, Shropshire.

October 14. From Mr Nicholas Wibberlev

Sir. One should never be too surprised at what Labour Foreign Secretaries get up to. According to one of many stories, more or less apocryphal, the late George Brown once asked the Cardinal Archbishop of Lima for a dance.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS WIBBERLEY, East Whiddon, Landkey Road, Barnstaple, Devon. October 14.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Chairman of Governors.

eral) was present.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the

Home Farm Trust, this morning

received Dr Frank Vince upon

assuming the appointment of

Mr Conan Carey (Director Gen-

Her Royal Highness, President,

Save the Children Fund, this

afternoon visited United Biscuits.

Waxlow Road, London NW10.

The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Associ-

ation, later opened a new Indoor

School at Penniwells Riding Centre. Edgwarehury Lane

Elstree, and was received by the

Hon Richard Pleydell-Bouverie

(Deputy Lieutenant of Herr-

Her Royal Highness this eve-

ning attended the Tenth Anniver-

sary Dinner of the Charity Finance

Directors' Group at the Brewery.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Pa-

tron, St Peter's Research Trust, this

evening attended an "Evening of

Magic" at Fishmongers Hall,

The Duke of Kent, Patron, the

Royal institution of Great Britain,

ing Success, this morning attended

Engineering in Health Week,

His Royal Highness. President

of the Council, the King Edward

VII Hospital for Officers, this

evening amended a Reception at

Stationers' Hall, Ava Maria Lane,

Gate, London SWI at Ilam; as

Chancellor, London University,

will inaugurate the new premises

of the School of Advanced Study

and compoment institutes, Senate

House, Malet Street, London WCI

at 3pm; and as Patron, United

Kingdom Antarctic Heritage

Trust, will attend a fundraising

evening in aid of the Trust and the

Scott Polar Research Institute at

the Royal Geographical Society.

The Duke of Gloucester will

Albermarle Street, London WI.

and Patron, the Year of Engineer

Chiswell Street, London ECI.

KENSINGTON PALACE

YORK HOUSE

October 14:

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 14:

RASHTRAPATT BHAVAN NEW DELHI

October 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh flew to Amritsar this morning and were received by the Governor of Punjab (Lieutenant General B. K. N. Chibber) and the Chief Minister (Shri Prakash Singh Badal).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later laid a Wreath at lallianwala Bagh.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards visited the Golden Temple, Amritsar.

Her Majesty and His Royal

Highness this evening anended a Reception at the British High Commissioner's residence. This afternoon The Duke of Edinburgh laid a Wreath at Amar Jyoti (India Gate).

His Royal Highness, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, later, at the British High Commissioner's Residence, New Delhi, presented awards to young people who have achieved the Gold Standard in The Duke of

Edinburgh's Award. The Princess Royal, on behalf of The Queen, held an investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 14: The Duke of York. Patron, this morning visited the British Deaf Association's London office at 1-3 Worship Street. London EC2.

His Royal Highness, President. this evening attended the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom Council Dinner at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly, London WI.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 14: The Prince Edward this evening attended the opening night performance by Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet at the Peacock Theatre, London WC2.

Today's royal engagements The Prince of Wales, as Patron, the Westminster Central Hall, Storeys

Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, will host a performance, dinner and dance to aunch the Creative Forum for Culture and the Economy at Buckingham Palace at 6.30pm. The Duke of York, as Admiral, Sea Cadet Corps, will visit the Swansea Detachment of the Sea Cadet Corps at Swansea Marina, West Glamorgan at Ham; will open the new teaching block, Neath College, West Glamorgan at 12.15pm; and will attend the 25th Annual Sealarers' Service in Wales at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff at

The Princess Royal, as President, Save the Children Fund, will attend the annual meeting at

Smallwood

Chaplain.

others present were:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis

7.15pm.

Dashwood-Hall, Mr and Mrs A. Charteris, Mr P. Cregeen, Dr Justin Holmgren, Mrs Rachael Ducker,

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood Viscount Slim, Lord Carrington, KG, was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, CH, Lord Cottesloe, Lady Aimaly, Sir Nicholas Scott, Sir Frank Cooper, Air Strand. The Ven P. R. Turner, Chaplain in-Chief RAF, officiated, assisted by the Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, Rev David Mackenzie, Resident the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hon Mrs Robinson. Sir Patrick Astley Cooper (PACE), Marshai of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraciough read the lessons. Mr Raymond Baxter read from T. E. Law-rence's The Mint and the Epigraph to Lady Beetham, Admiral Sir John the Seven Pillars of Wisdom. Among Treacher, General Sir John Mogg, General Sir Cecil Blacker.

> Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns (Chief of the Air Staff) and Lady Johns, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Cousins (Air Member for Personnel) and Lady Hine (representing the Order of the British Empire) and Lady Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel

present the Royal British Legion's Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2. at 7.30om.

Luncheon

WS Atkins ple Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP, was principal speaker at a luncheon given by WS Arkins plc at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Guests

Dr Richard Baldwin (Divisional Managing Director, Alfred McAlpine Construction Limited), Mr David Bailey (Development Director, London Underground Limited), Mr Jim Cohen (Director, Ballour Beatty Limited). Mr Mike Collard (Head of Projects Dev-elopment, Sir Robert McAlpine). elopment, Sir Robert McAlphie, Mr Ian Coucher (Managing Direc-tor, Transys), Mr Michael Cover (Partner, Davies Arnold Cooper). Sir Martin Laing (Chairman, John Laing plc), Mr David Metter (Chief Executive, Innisfree), Mr Jeremy Millar (Chief Executive, Hereiord Hospital), Mr Neil Monaghan (Chief Property Of-fiver, Oxfordshire County Council), Mr Adrian Montague (Chief Executive, PFI), Mr George Muir (Chief Executive, Psec), Mr Brian Myers (General Manager, BT plc), Mr John Sanders (Policy Man-ager, Essex County Council), Mr Paul Shepherd (Executive Chair-

man, Shepherd Construction Limited), Mr Geoff Spence (Head of Utilities, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell), Mr Julian Squire (Managing Director, Primary Management), Mr Tim Steadman (Partner, Clifford Chance), Mr Richard Stokes (Director, ICL Enterprises). Mr Jeremy Thirsk (Head of Project. Finance, Union Bank of Switzerland), Mr Denis Tunniciffe (Managing Director, London Underground Limited), Mr Mike Welton (Chief Executive, Balfour Beatty Limited), Mr Michael Whitehouse (Head of Projects Group, Wragge & Co), Mr Keith Wright (Director, NHS Executive North West, Department of Health), Mr David Young (Director) tor of Environmental Services, Oxfordshire County Council), Directors for WS Atkins: Mr

David Clements, Mr Richard Cuthbert, Mr Mike Donnelly, Mr Cuthbert, Mr Mike Donnelly, Mr Richard French, Professor John Fyle, Dr Barry Hutt, Mr David James, Mr Richard Jarvis, Mr Michael Jeffries, Mr Paul Jowers, Mr John Mobsby, Mr David Morgan, Mr Hugh Roberts, Mr David Slater, Mr John Winter.

Prince urges 'heroes' to enter for awards

By Alexandra Frean, social affairs correspondent

THE Prince of Wales will appeal today to the nation's unsung heroes and heroines" who work with local businesses to improve the quality of life in their neighbourhoods, to enter the twelfth annual Community Enterprise Awards. The awards, run by the

Prince's charity Business in the Community and sponsored by The Times and NatWest, aim to publicise the work of community entrepreneurs. They can be found though the length and breadth of the United Kingdon — in city housing estates, market towns and rural villages." the Prince said yesterday. "Despite making considerable contributions to the social and economic regeneration of their communities, they often receive little support or recognition. I therefore call on all you unsung heroes and heroines to enter this year's Community Enterprise Awards and help to build on

Previous winners have set up housing co-operatives, built accommodation for the bomeless, and developed kindergarten or adult education

the achievements and contri-

bution of this vital part of the

In a slight shift of empha sis, this year's awards will seek to recognise projects working in the field of social and economic regeneration. Some 24 prizes of £1,000

each will go to the winning projects. This year, for the first time, the winner and runners up will also be entered into a Fellowship Programme. They will be linked with a "mentor" from a local business who will meet them regularly and act as a private sultant. The winners will also be invited to join a national network of community entrepreneurs and to attend seminars promoting best practice in community



work. Twelve of the winners will be taken on a study trip to America to see the work of leading community enter-

Entries are invited from individuals, community organisations, businesses and local authorities. An overall winner will be chosen to receive the Charles Douglas-Home Award. The awards will be presented next spring. Entry forms may be ob-

tained from the Community Enterprise Awards, Business in the Community, 44 Baker Street, London WIM IDH. 3573.



Dinners

Royal Aero Club The Duke of York, President of the Royal Aero Club, was the guest of honour at a council dinner held last night at the RAF Club. Mr Frederick O. Marsh, chairman, presided. Glovers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies. attended the annual dinner of the Glovers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Michaei Down, Master, presided. Sir John Mills was the principal guest.

Athenaeum Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was the speaker at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Ian Hay Davison was in the chair.

University News

Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medi cal Officer at the Department of Health, has been appointed as the next Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University. He will take up his post in a year's time.

Appointments Great Britain - China Centre

Mr David Brewer has been elected to succeed Mr Graham Greene as Chairman of the Great Britain-China Centre from October 21.

Durham University Society

The DUS Annual Dinner will be the ensuing year: held at the House of Commons on November 7. Tickets at £40 from Graham Barker, Tel: 0181-566

ian, Magdalene College, Cambridge, was the principal speaker at a dinner of the United Oxford & Cambridge University Club held last night at the club house. Mr Bruce Williams, chairman of the club, presided.

Anniversaries

Judge Pearl, President of the immigration. Appeal Tribunal, presided at a dinner held last night at the Carlton. Club to mark the

retirement of his predecessor, Mr George Farmer. Vice presidents of

the Immigration Appeal Tribunal and adjudicators of the authority

United Oxford & Cambridge

Dr Richard Luckett, Pepys Librar

were present

University Club

BIRTHS: Virgil, poet, Andes, Italy, 70 BC, Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Roken, Germany, 1844; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex education reformer, Edinburgh, 1880; Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wodehouse. humorous writer,

DEATHS: Pierre Laval, Head of Vichy Government 1942-44, executed, Paris. 1945; Hermann Goe ring, war criminal, committed suicide, Nuremberg, 1946; Cole Por-ter, songwriter, California, 1964. The airship Graf Zeppelin landed in New Jersey after its first

Dvers' Company

transatiantic crossing, 1928.

The following have been elected officers of the Dyers' Company for Prime Warden, Mr J.R. Vaizey: Renter Warden, Mr H. Morley-

Forthcoming marriages, Mr A.J.S. Gibson and Miss R.C. Aldridge

Mr H.G. Angus and Miss C.M. Friend

The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Jestyn Angus, of Great Whittington, Northumberland, and Catherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs James Friend, of Blenheim

The engagement is announced between Gary, son of Mr and Mrs Marshall Blaker, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Sharon.

and Miss S.M.E. Horwitz

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ad Miss J.A. Mathe The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr. Föster Candiffe and of Mrs. Aileen Candiffe, of Ashaed. Surrey, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Donald Matheson, of

Mr R.M. de Ruig and Miss K.L. Emus

between Rupert Mark, elder son of the late Mr John de Ruig and of Mrs de Ruig, of Chiswick, London, and Katherine Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Emus,

Birthdays today The Duchess of York celebrat her 38th birthday today.

Lord Ampthill, 76: Lord Baden-Powell, 61: Sir George Bishop, former chairman. Booker McConnell, 84: Mr Craig Chal-mers, rugby player, 29: Sir How-ard Colvin, FBA, architectural historian, 78: Professor J.K. Galbraith, economist, 89; Mr. G.T. Goodall, former Headmaster, Everex School, 68.

Sir Julian Hodge, merchant banker, 93; Mr Alan Jones, chief executive, BICC, 58; Miss Catherine Lampert, director, White-chapel Art Gallery, St. Dame Anne Mueller, civil servant, 67; Baroness Perry of Southwark, 66; Mr Mario Puzo, author, 77; Professor Charles Rees, FRS, former Presi-dent of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 70; Baroness Serota, 78; Mr Billy Smart, circus owner, 63; Mr David Trimble, leader, Ulster Unionist Party, 53; Mr. Justice Vinelott, 74; Sir Christopher Walford, former Lord Mayor of London, 62.

Captain David Keith

Captain David Keith will be held on Monday, November 17, 1997, at 11.30am at St Mary's Church. Little Walsingham, Norfolk. Please telephone 01328 862298/862470 for arrangements.

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Mr and Mrs David Gibson, of Oldbury. Groombridge, Susser, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Aldridge, of Old Ridley Hall, Stocksfield, Northumberland.

Mr J.A.D. Jones and Miss S.A. Tudor

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The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs P.W. Jones, of Biddenham, Bedfordshire, and Sally Ann, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Tudor, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr P.J. Kendell and Miss N.R. Bedford

The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mrs. G.C. Kendell and the late Mr Kendell of Stretton-on-Dunsmor and Nicola, daughter of Mr David ...
Bedford, of Naumon, and Mrs
Celia Bedford, of Naumon.

Mr S.C.G. Pawlak and Miss L.B. Offiver

The engagement is announced between Smon. elder son of the lare Mr J. Pawlak and of Mrs H. Pawlak of Headington, Oxford. and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.O. Olliver, of Kingston Stert, Oxfordsi

Mr W.R. Perc and Miss A.M. Cox The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs A.E. Perei, of Walkinsten-Thames, Surrey, and Anna, youn-ger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.V. Cox. of Northeburch, Hertfordshire.

MIN RIL KA

Marriage Mr.S.C. McCrum and Miss S. Dickson

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October II, at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London, of Mr Simon McCrum, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs Ronnie McCrum, to Miss Suzanne Distance property daughter of Mr. Dickson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dickson. The Rev John Robson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Mrs David Roe, Mrs Chris Jackson and Charlotte Hum-phreys. Mr Toby Gunter was best The honeymoon will be spent

Byron Society

Meeting

Professor Phyllis Grosskurth was the speaker at a meeting of the Byron Society held last night arthe St Ermin's Hotel. The Countess of Longford presided, assisted by Mr William St Clair, of Trinky-Collces Combridge.

Derothy Ollivant

A memorial service for Dorothy Muriel Ollivant, MVO, will be held at St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, Cheisea, on Friday, November 7, at noon.

Memorial service

Maynard, Air Chief Marshal Sir Roger Palin (controller, RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Chiel Marshal Sir David Parry Evans. Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Derek Hodgkinson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, Air Chief, Marshal Sir Michael Knight, Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (Battle of Britain Fighter Association).

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry. Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler. Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson (Air Crew Association). Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Lieutenant-General

Sir David and Lady Willison, Air Marshal Sir Roy and Lady Austen-Smith, Air Marshal Sir Peter Squire, Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, Air Marshal Sir John Rogers, Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Marshal Sir John Curtis, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, Air Marshal Sir Michael Giddings, Air Marshal Sir Edward Gordon Jones, Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey, Air Marshal Sir

Peter Squire. Lady (Alan) Boxer, Lady Spotswood, Lady Prickett, Lady Barraclough, Lady Crowley-Milling, Lady (Andrew) Humphrey, Dame Felicity Peake, Lady (Charles) Ness, Lady (Barrie Heath, Lady Barnett, Sir Donald Spiers, Sir John Stokes, Lady (John) Thomson, Sir

Michael Cobham, Lady Kyle, Air Mar-shal C. G. Terry (Air Member for Logistics), Air Vice-Marshal T. I. Jenner (Assistant Chief of the Air Staff). Air Vice-Marshal J. M. Stevenson (also representing the chairman, Grand Miliand Mrs J. H. Thompson, Air Vice-Marshal Philip Hedgeland, Air Vice-Marshal A. V. R. Johnstone, Air Vice-Marshal J. M. Jones, Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Lamb, Air Vice-Marshal A. Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs G. M.

Ferguson, Air Vice-Marshal B. H. Newton (representing the Colonel of TAVRA's), Air Vice-Marshal L.W. Phipps, Air Vice-Marshal M.J. Pilkington, Air Vice-Marshal E.D. Crew, Air Vice-Marshal A. D. Dick, Air Vice-Marshal L. W. G. Gill, Air Vice-

Marshal Geoffrey Cairns, Air Vice-Marshal D.L. Attlee, Air Vice-Marshal N. B. Baldwin (RAF Historical Society). Air Vine Marshal H. Bird-Wilson, Air Commodore P. M. Brothers, Air Commodore E. W. Wooton, Air Commodore C. A. Alklis (The Air League), Group Captain and Mrs R. J. Howard, Wing Commander R.P. Beaumont, Wing Commander R. Limord, Captain Chrisnopher Hodgkinson. Miss Julia Bullock, Mr J. Bullock, Mr

M. Burrough, Miss H. Charrington, Mrs S. Cotterill, Mr M. S. Allison, Mr G. Anthony, Mr and Mrs P. Douglas, Mr and Mrs John Grandy, Mr S. Greener, Mrs J. Deere, Mr J. Mumford. Mr Iain Duncan Smith, MP, Group Captain C. J. Eadie, Mr A. Fletcher, Mrs G. Gomme, Colonel P. E. Harris, Mr G.R. Hattam, Mr. N. Hodges, Mr. David Hodges, Mr. K. W. Lovell, Miss B. Snowsill, Mr A. J. P. Smith, Mrs P. Staveley, Mr John Weston (group managing

director British Aerospace) and Mrs

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Barnato Walker (Air Transport Associ-ation). Mr. R. W. Bridge (Master. GAPANI, Mr D. Corbett and Mr John Hogg (Air Squadron), Miss M. Cormack (Dunkirk Little Ships), Mr K. I. Burvill (600 City of London Squadron), Mr P. Rudd (605 Squadron). Mr. F.G. Hammond (209 Squadron), Mr. M. Rogers, Mr E. N. Whittle and Mrs M. Diplock (247 Squadron Association). Mr A. R. Fearn (Connex SE Railways). Mr T. M. Holloway (Marshall of Cambridge).
Dr Hugh Metcalfe (Royal Aeronauti-

Weston with Mr Kevin Smith: Mrs D.

cal Society), the Rev G. Buss (Hurstpierpoint College), Mr H.R. Wright (Chief Master, King Edward's School Birmingham) Mr R. W. Evans (president London Old Edwardian Association) representatives of RAF Coltishall, the Philip Green Memorial Trust, the Phyllis Court Club, the Filligree Trust, the American Historical Foundation, GEC Marconi, and many other friends and former colleagues.

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DEATHS

Mr Christopher Smallwood (son), Mr

and Mrs Timothy Roberts (son-in-law

and daughter), Miss Tara Smallwood,

Miss Samantha Smallwood, Miss Me-

lissa Smallwood, Miss Victoria Roberts

and Miss Nicola Roberts (grand-

daughters), Mrs Daphne Holmgren (sister). Mr and Mrs Michael

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I set my heart on possessing wisdom, and by keeping my-self pure I found her. With her I gained understanding from the first; therefore I all never be at a lesiesticus 51 : 20 BIRTES BURITEM-ADAMISON - On 11th October, to Red and Frances, a beautiful daughter, Knthrine Elens, at Canherra Hospital, a sister for Claire and Marthow. DEVITT - On October 12th, to Kenryn (née Tapacott) and Colin, a son, Sean Roel, a brother for Liam and grandson for Haurem, Noel, October 12th, to Debbie (née Willcox) and Kieran, a benatiful son, Frederick RIOUE - On October 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Massky and Kaure, a see Masako and Kaoru, a son Atsubiko Edward, a brother

TODD - On October 2nd 1997, to Ruth (nee Johnson) and Robert, a son, Joshua George

rweenbalf-YE - On October 11th 1997, to Grace (née Baine) and David, a son, Hany Edward, an adombie brother to Luke and Phoebe.

EASSWILLD - On October 13th, Econold Trever Burnfield of Ferndown, Denset, aged 77. Beloved husband of Joy, father and grandfather. Pairate funeral No Howers pittist, but donations for the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund may be sent to AE. Jolliffe & Son (F/D), 17 victoria Bond, Ferndown, Dorset BH22 9H7. Tel: 01202 872060. CAMPRELL - Dr. Ishbel died peacefully on October 10th at Siembeim Court Fenning Home, Southampton, aged 92 years. Funeral Service for family and close friends only at Southampton Cremptorium, West Chenel. only at Southampton Commencium, West Chapel, on Wednesday October 22nd at 215 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Age Concern c/o R.C. Payne & Sons, 485 Bitterne Road East, Southampton. A Memorial Service will be held at Highfield Parish Church at a later date. ARTWEIGHT - John Sans. On October 14th 1997 in hospital, and of Hillside House, Great Harwood, fortified with the Rites of Holy Mother Church, John,

forfuled wan the same at Holy Mother Chapth, John, aged 49 years, the greatly loved husband of Pamela, beloved father of Joanna and John, Sanah and Richard, Sophie, John-Paul, Jessicz, Patrick and Sean and wry work learned age of Margarette and Alan Barker. A gentlemen to the end. ELP. Rosary at Hillside House on Character at 7 nm Recolem gentiemen to the end £1F.
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tek (01254) 51261. Caudia, Latita and Limmy, and great-grandmother of Candia. Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael and All Angels. Withington, Gloucesteashire, on Fidday October 17th at 1230 ps. All enquiries to Edward Canter (FD), 01235-528293.

CATTO - On October 13th, 1997, peacefully at Holmdale, the Hon Isabel Ida Gordon Catto, OBE Much loved sister, aunt, greatmut, godnsother and friend. Puneral at St Mary the Vingh, Hohnbury St Mary, on Friday October 17th at 2pm, followed by private cretaction. Fundly flowers only please or donations in her memory to the World WCA, of Miss E.E. Sharples, 3 The Green, Kindon, Orford OX20 18E. COOPER - joe, on October 8th, peacefully aged 7. Much loved son of Mick and jackle and brother of 8am. The funent service was held on October 14th at 11.30 am at the chunt of 8 Micholas, Leeds, Kent. Donations, if desired, may be made to the Peggy Wood Leakagin and Cancer Equipment Fund, Opt. Coltace. The Green.

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ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR WILLIAM STAVELEY



Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley, GCB, First Sea Lord, 1985-89, died of a heart attack on October 13 aged 68. He was born on November 10, 1928.

WILLIAM STAVELEY was descended from famous naval officers on both sides of his family. He was the son of the late Admiral Cecil Staveley: his maternal grandfather was Admiral Sir Doveton Standee, who annihilated von Spee's battle squadron at the Battle of the Falkland Islands in 1914.

From an early age, William was clearly driven by a strong ambition to emulate his forebears. While he was never widely popular, his intense devotion to his profession, his hard work and his political acumen at the higher policymaking level inspired a universal and

Joining Dartmouth naval college in 1942, Staveley first went to sea in the cruiser Ajax in 1946 in the Mediterranean. This was followed by tours in the cruisers Nigeria and Bermuda in the South Atlantic. A significant appointment as flag lieutenant to the C-in-C Home Fleet, Admiral Sir George Creasy, was followed by selection to the

George Malcolm, CBE,

choirmaster

barpsichordist, pianist,

conductor and composer.

died on October 10 aged

80. He was born on

February 28, 1917.

eorge Malcolm

was a gifted and

important musi-

staff at Dartmouth where, even in that culture of unbridled keenness. he was conspicuous by the example that he set to his cadets.

After staff and seagoing tours, including the destroyer Cavalier during Britain's H-bomb tests at Christmas Island, Staveley was promoted commander at the early age of 32 and sent to the Far East in command of a minesweeping squadron. There, as coastal patrol craft, his ships saw much operational-service during the Brunei rebellion of 1962 and the Malaysian confrontation with Indonesia in 1963. After having been the Commander Sea Training at the

Nevy's work-up base at Portland, he commanded the frigate Zulu.

Assistant director of the Plans Division of the Naval Staff was the first of his many appointments within the Ministry of Defence. These encompassed an era of particularly difficult financial crisis in the defence sector and immense shifts in defence policy. He also commanded the assault ship Intrepid and the commando carrier Albion before returning to the MoD as Director of Naval Plans and a consequent promotion to rear-admiral — in 1977.

As C-in-C Fleet, Staveley was also the top Nato commander, C-As Flag Officer Carriers and in-C Channel and Eastern Atlantic.

Using this Alliance platform, he Amphibious Ships he was responsible for the fighting efficiency and made himself mildly unpopular in war plans for the Navy's main national government circles with his forthright identification of Nato warships, his role as a critical inspector being tempered by his shortfalls in minesweepers and warmth and understanding of the escorts compared with the Soviet the junior sailors under his comforce levels. mand. A tour as chief of staff to the His battles to preserve a balanced fleet continued for the four C-in-C Fleet at the Northwood

years he was First Sea Lord. headquarters was excellent prepaforsaking the threadbare arguments of worldwide seapower rhetration for his own future as C-in-C. Promoted vice-admiral in 1980 and appointed Vice-Chief of the oric for the excellent naval case that Navai Staff - broadly the Navy's chief executive officer - he was had emerged, one bound up with the Nato alliance and Europe. He soon confronted with the need for a was a tireless recruiter of support from the great and good in all walks of life. rearguard action against the damaging effects on the Navy of John Non's defence review of 1982 and the measures described in the Contemporaries recall Staveley's by-the-book and almost over-anxnotorious White Paper, Command

lous concern for his junior subordinates, but also his excellent judgment in placing senior officers on the "flag" list. One excellent candidate was criticised at a selection board for laziness. "Promote him." said Staveley. "Laziness is an admirable quality in a senior officer." Never lazy himself, he was also noted for his loyalty to those he had selected; he would never let them down despite their peccadil-

Appointed GCB in 1984, he undertook a remarkable range of activities after his retirement. He held a series of high-level National Health Service regional posts from 1991, finally chairing the North Thames Regional Health Authority until 1996. He was a member of the NHS Policy Board, 1994-96.

As chairman of the Chatham Dockvard Historic Trust, he was particularly proud that his knowledge and acquaintanceships had been invaluable in obtaining lottery funding virtually to rescue 86 acres of Georgian dockyard. He was a member of the London Advisory Committee for English Heritage, while his health interests also included support for the King Edward VII and the Royal London

Hospitals. His private interests included horticulture. He was a member of the Royal Horticultural Society and his stylish buttonholes were conspicuous up and down the corridors of power. A keen equestrian, he was chairman of the Combined Services Equestrian Association and was recently riding to hounds with the West Kent. Indeed, he had acquired a new horse just before his death.

He is survived by his wife Betting, whom he married in 1954. and their son and daughter.

JOHN RICKMAN

John Rickman, racing journalist, died on October 13 aged 84. He was born on May 28, 1913.

JOHN RICKMAN was a talented and versatile journalist. both in newspapers and particularly on television. On screen, although he would have strongly denied the notion, he became the embodiment of a new and popular idea of racing to the viewers who, three decades ago, watched ITV's coverage every weekend.

His manners were impeccable: every time he appeared before the cameras, he raised



his hat as he said "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen". In others this might have been dismissed as a gimmick, but it was so palpably in keeping with Rickman's demeanour that it rightly brought him immense popularity. It also helped to win a faithful following for the commercial coverage of racing when he was host, presenter and link-man on London Weekend's seven-race World of Sport, featuring the then

flourishing ITV-Seven bet. John Eric Carter Rickman was the son of another racing journalist, Eric Rickman, but his roots in the Turf went deeper than that. His grandfather was the Newmarket trainer Tom Jennings, who sent out three classic winners around the turn of the century. His great-grandfather, also Tom Jennings, was the trainer

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of the Triple Crown victor of 1865, the redoubtable Frenchbred Gladiateur, whose statue stands in front of the gates of Longchamp, and who in France became known as "the Avenger of Waterloo".

the Bristol Evening World as a reporter. Three years later he was taken on by the Daily Mail and given the task of "200 correspondent".

Army from 1939 to 1945, he returned to Fleet Street. The Mail made him "Dalrymple", then "Robin Goodfellow", a racing post his father had once occupied. On New Year's Day 1961, he joined The Daily Sketch as "Gimcrack", but a decade later he was back at the Daily Mail, where he remained until retiring in 1978.

His television activities were many, starting with occasional appearances for the BBC before he became a weekly fixture on ITV. Rickman was ITV's first racing reporter. featured in sports programmes from Associated Rediffusion. ATV and Southern Television studios in London, Birmingham and Southampton. Then, from 1965, he

aside, he was a regular contributor to the popular but now defunct annual Cope's Racegoer's Encyclopaedia, where he specialised in naming 12 horses to follow through the coming season. He wrote several books, one of which, Eight Flat Racing Stables (1979) demonstrates a considerable elegance of style.

Outside racing, he did some farming, breeding a variety of stock including cattle and pigs, and latterly Welsh cobs. He and his family took holidays on the island of Jura off the west coast of Scotland, where he owned a lighthouse. John Rickman, although a rather private individual, was. a genial man, with a hidden drive and energy. He is survived by his wife, Peggy. a son and two daughters.

Rickman was educated at Haileybury, and in 1931 joined

cian who will be remembered both as a harpsi-After his war service in the chordist and as an innovative choirmaster. He deployed his keyboard skills with tremendous panache (and some said vulgarity) in the 1950s and 1960s to bring back the harpsichord securely into the public domain, though he affected a certain disdain for the expressive limitations of what he called "the jangle box". As Master of the Music at

Westminster Cathedral from 1947 (when Cardinal Griffin reopened the choir school which had been closed during the war) to 1959, he revolutionised expectations of the expressive potential of boys' voices. He introduced there (or at any rate polished up) what English choir-trainers called continental sound" — a direct, vibrant, screechy timbre simiworked for World of Sport. Newspapers and television lar to that made by the boys at Regensburg Cathedral in Bavaria, or the famous Vienna Boys Choir.

in 1959 Benjamin Britten immortalised Malcolm's work at the cathedral by writing (very quickly, because he knew that Malcolm was about to give up his post there) a Missa Brevis for boys' voices, which was premiered in a liturgical performance during the capitular High Mass one Wednesday morning and casually recorded by the BBC. Malcolm was accompanying on the apse organ and therefore could not conduct the boys, apart from an occasional obscure gesture over the top of

GEORGE MALCOLM

8288. The coincidental outbreak of

the Falklands conflict was seen by many as the vindication for a

balanced naval capability. Staveley

regretted his deskbound contribu

tion, which, although valuable, did

not have the historical appeal that

task force commander in his

grandfather's footsteps would have

done. He was appointed KCB in



George Malcohn listening to the boys of Westminster Cathedral Choir during a rehearsal in 1989

in the organ part was never edited out.

What really symbolised Malcolm's achievement with his Westminster boys was the expressive energy and passion with which they were able to premiere a modern work, taking total responsibility for their own lines, making their entrances as a united body of fervent and completely confi-dent voices. As well as expanding the cathedral's polyphonic repertoire, Malcolm commis-

sioned other modern works. Malcolm was radically opposed to the inhibited and smooth hooting which still the organ console. Decca heard about the tapes and marks (and mars) a number of Anglican cathedral and college choirs. He believed that bought them from the BBC, the natural open sound boys make in the playground when they are excited and shouting and the subsequent 45rpm record soon became a hit. As it was a live recording, a mistake

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at each other should be the basis of choir training - and he often stigmatised cathedrals which "having given up castrating boys have now taken to castrating their voices". But the liberation of the sound was only the first step to liberating expressive potential, as Malcolm's 1959 recording with his Westminster Cathedral Choir of Victoria's Tenebrae Responsories amply demonstrates.

Some of the solo boys'

singing on that recording has ver been matched on any subsequent record in colourfulness and instinctive rhythmie vitality. (Malcolm's choir differed from the usual Anglican practice by having a boys' section provide the alto line, though with backing from a single adult countertenor.) Sir David Willcocks of King's College, Cambridge, famously could not bear to hear his choral scholars praise this record because of the dubious intonation at some points. But the visceral commitment and colour of the Westminster Cathedral boys' singing eventually influenced George Guest at St John's College, Cambridge (and other Anglican organists elsewhere) to modify their boys' sound in a

similar direction. According to the international concert organist Nicolas Kynaston, who was one of Malcolm's boys from 1950 to 1956, "He was wonderful to sing for. It was exciting. He gave you the liberty to express

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From Our Special Corresponden

whose heroic stand during the Imjin River

banle in April 1951 was one of the most

glorious fighting achievements of the Korean

War, came ashore from the troopship Empire

Orwell here today with 76 of his officers and men who, like him, had been prisoners of war

in North Korea for more than two years. As he

stepped on to the quayside he was loudly cheered by his men and the band of the bandion played the regimental march The Kynegad Slashers.

In the flug-bedecked customs shed, Colonel

Carne was welcomed by his wife and by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward Wetherall

colonel of the regiment. When the men followed their colonel ashore there were

happy scenes as they ran to meet their families.

Colonel Carne, praising the fighting qual-ities of his men, said: "I think they were

magnificent before they were captured and

thampton, Oct 14: Lieutenant-Colone J.P. Carne, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion. The Gloucestershire Regiment.

yourself." Kynaston recalled Malcolm's generosity to his boys, taking them out to tea. being incredibly helpful and encouraging. But he also remembered a fearsome occa-sion when Malcolm chased a couple of trebles upstairs with a chair over his head threatening to brain them. Kynaston, who never had organ lessons from him, Malcolm was never much of an organist, playing in stockinged feet and lacking a good pedal technique. But his chant accompaniment was brilliant-

ly imaginative. Colin Mawby, another of Malcolm's boys who became his assistant and succeeded him as organist, attributed his genius as a choir trainer to the influence of Father J. Driscoll. SJ, who ran the choir at the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. Driscoll started his own choir school, and his choir was highly praised by Ernest Newman. Driscoll's dramatic rescoring of one of the Victoria Tenebrae Responsories was used in Malcolm's recording. Malcolm's musical and liturgical taste was deeply influenced by memories of the adorned and dramatised Holy Week liturgy at the Sacred

Malcolm conquered, or acknowledged, the fact that he was an alcoholic during the latter part of his time at Westminster. He was away from the cathedral for a long period recovering in hospital after falling through a secondfloor window at St Edmund's College, Ware, while "sleep-walking". He needed plastic surgery on his face, and always thereafter had a rather inflexible carven quality about his look and a slightly lazy eye. He was sacked because of the drink in 1952, though almost immediately reinstated.

Relations with Canon

Collingwood, the cathedral administrator at the time, were difficult. Malcolm once sent Collingwood a book titled Courtesy for Clerics, and it was the inflexibility of Cardinal Godfrey, refusing to allow the Westminster boys to per-form at the BBC Proms, that prompted Malcolm's resignation. (Bad relations between the clergy and the musicians were traditional at Westminster Cathedral until quite recently. Sir Richard Terry, the distinguished musicologist and choir trainer who created the Roman Catholic choral tradition at Westminster between the wars, had famously bad relations with Cardinal Bourne, with whom he communicated only by letter, and was sacked for shouting down at the priests from the apse during High Mass "Can't any of you buggers even sing an alleluia?")

George John Malcolm's father, of Scottish extraction. died very young, and Malcolm lived with his mother in a house on Cheyne Walk until her death at a very advanced age. After Wimbledon College. he was a Classics Scholar at

Balliol — Sir Edward Heath was Organ Scholar then. (Heath when Prime Minister once had the gall to express sadness that Malcolm had not realised his early potential".)

During the war Malcolm served in the RAF Volunteer Reserve. He had started piano lessons at the Royal College of Music at the age of seven, and he maintained a preference for the piano in spite of his fame and success at the harpsichord. He would admit that he lacked the physique for Brahms and the Romantics, but his Bartok and Beethoven could be wonderful. He was a regular keyboard performer at Aldeburgh, and accompanied Yehudi Menuhin, Jacqueline du Pre Manoug Parikian, Christopher Hirons and many others in chamber music.

His harpsichord playing was exciting and very expressive, ...oula. " extern on the style and ap ach of Wanda Landowska. His complete Goldberg Variations involve all sorts of supposedly inauthentic registrations. His playing was inspirational and dramatic rather than scrupulously accurate. Its genuin flair and wit were what made his pop shorts (Bach Goes to Town, and Back Before the Mast) so successful with the public. Klemperer disapproved of the florid ornamentation Malcolm applied to Bach's continuo in the Sa Matthew Passion and told him, "Please Mr Malcolm, not to joke with Mr Bach."

Though he had a reputation as a martinet and was blunt if not rude when trying to achieve musical results, he was also a gentle and amusing companion who liked to see those with whom he was eating enjoy their wine - even though he could not enjoy it With the arrival in power at

the BBC of a new generation of authentic performance authorities, Malcolm who had for years been a regular feature of BBC music broadcasts was dropped in short order. about the change in fashion. After leaving the cathedral he became quite a successful conductor, for instance holding posts with the Philomusica of London from 1962 to 1966. and with the BBC Scottish Orchestra. He had an enormous influence in their early days on the Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the English Chamber Orchestra. He also wrote some modest and liturgically effective church music.

He was appointed CBE in 1965, and made an honorary fellow of Balliol the following year. He was a Knight of the Papal Order of St Gregory. He was unmarried.

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from all I have heard the majority kept their heads up amazingly well afterwards. Soon after the Glosters reached the prison camps conditions began to improve slowly, but in the bllowing months many of us showed signs of beri-beri or had other ailments due to vitamin deficiency. Under such conditions, life and health are not wholly dependent on food, shelter and clothing; it is to their own resolution and optimism that some of the credit must be given for the fact that few British soldiers died in captivity."

Many NCOs and men with strong charac-ters came to the fore, said Colonel Carne, exposing the inaccuracies of the Communist propaganda and presenting their own more rational opinions. Most of them suffered for thus openly expressing their views. The Chinese methods of punishment were often primitive and several officers had very unpleasant, sometimes terrible, experiences. "Concerning the effect that this treatment has had on us," he continued, "I know that some men have been converted to Communism, but there are also some who are far more anti-Communist than they were before.

Most of them appear to have been affected very little by their captivity." Major E.D. Harding said that in January 1952, he was accused with Colonel Carne of disrupting the study programme and of having a generally hostile attitude towards the Communists. For three weeks they were kept in small cells with only sorghum to eat twice a day. By this time, the Chinese had discovered evidence of their "misdeeds".

"We were taken before the other officer prisoners to read out statements," said Major Harding. The atmosphere was pretty tense when Colonel Carne was reading. There were some stout chaps in the audience and they knew what the form was. When Colonel Carne finished reading there was a loud cheer and all sorts of remarks were hurled at the Chinese. Ten days' later we were both sentenced to six months' imprisonment."

the Italian authorities, and a money might also be diverted.

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Rockets and squibs

THERE was great amusement to be had from national newspaper front pages last Saturday as editors celebrated their September sales victories and heaped scorn on their rivals.

Once it was The Sun that "soared" away. Now the unlikeliest broadsheets are apparently lifting off and using the same adman's hyperbole. As The Times merely forged ahead". The Daily Telegraph announced only a "success sto ry" and the tabloid Daily Mail surged", it was The Guardian's sales that were "soaring" and The Independent's that were "rocketing". Can all the claims really be true?

Writing the monthly "puffs" about circulation successes is a fine art. Inconvenient facts are conveniently ignored and an economy with the truth is often required. September was indeed a month of almost universal success but no paper mentioned the main reason the death of Diana, Princess of

Wales, on September 1. That reflects the sensitivity of managements to any sugges-tion that newspapers "profited" from the Princess's death. Yet newspapers always profit from a tragic event since readers flock to buy them. Another truth from that week is that several newspaper groups donated significant sums to the Princess's memorial fund and lost money when big companies cancelled advertising. Never-theless, up to ten million extra papers were probably sold in the nine days after September 1. On weekdays the Mail (up 123,000), The Mirror (66,500)



achieved the highest sales rises. But it was the two liberal-left papers that won the highest percentage monthly sales in-creases (see table). Both The

EXAM QUESTION FOR JOURNALISM STUDENTS Aware of the sensitivites of the public and the Press Complaints Commission code of conduct, no national newspaper has published any extract from the tape-recordings by the Princess published in Andrew Morton's Diana: Her True Story - In Her Own Words. Yet the book is on sale in almost every bookshop and set an all-time record in the bestseller lists last week. So why do such booksellers as Dillons, Waterstone's and Books Etc escape the outcry that would have occurred if a newspaper had published the sensational 18,000 words that are the core of the revised book?

Guardian and The Independent have republican sympathies but each devoted pages to the story and found an avid audience. On Sundays, the biggest rises in sales went to the

Sales at full cover price

2,313,307 1,932,033 2,267,241 1,037,331 1,374,599 512,168 475,875 274,190

Source: ABC September

'SOARAWAY' SEPTEMBER SALES

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News of the World and The Sunday Times, but The Observer. Independent on Sunday and The Sunday Times gained the

biggest percentage increases.

The second reason for September's successes was pricecuting, particularly by The Independent, and cheap sub-scription schemes, particularly by the Telegraphs. Strip away sales at less than the full cover price and the stories are somewhat different from those told

on Saturday's front pages.

The Independent: Sales
"rocket" by nearly 12 per cent
over August to 288,000, "the highest percentage rise of any national newspaper". Untrue The Independent on Sunday and The Observer did better. It was the highest of any daily newspaper as The Guardian, its main rival, pointed out, adding that independent sales at full price were 206,000, down from 237,000 a year ago and "the lowest full-price sale in the

history of the newspaper".

The Daily Telegraph: At 1,129,777, sales up by 4 per cent on August. True enough — but as the Daily Mail pointed out, the Telegraph achieved that figure only by "bolstering its flagging sales through cut-price subscriptions of nearly 300,000 copies a day". At full price, sales of The Daily Telegraph were 800,163, only 58,000 ahead of The Times instead of the

308,000 it proclaimed. The Guardian: A sin of omission only. It paid tribute to its sister paper, The Observer, for achieving the highest percentage of any Sunday paper. An oversight, or could it be family jealousy - The Observer's was the highest of any paper, daily or Sunday. The circulations of three oth-

er papers also look less satisfactory when sales below cover price are deducted: The Express falls below a million, The People falls below two million and The Express on Sunday is only 37,000 over the magic million. October sales will be a truer test of performance.

Chris Evans is pushing to be a heavyweight media tycoon. Chris Ayres reports

planet has both benfited and damaged Chris Evans. It has powered his stratospheric ambition, taking him to the top of the entertainment profession, and allowed him to create a business empire worth at least £35 million.

But his ego has also made him boastful and insecure, and has given him a reput-ation as an emotional loose cannon. Such factors threaten to thwart Evans's longterm ambition to become a heavyweight media tycoon. After an abrupt departure

from Radio I earlier this year, Evans renewed his radio career on Monday as Virgin's star breakfast presenter. Since signing his tenweek contract, Evans has already begun to play power games with his new employ-er, publicly bragging about his ambition to buy the station, along with its rival

When Matthew Bannister the Controller of Radio 1. claimed on Monday that Evans had asked for his BBC job back - on the same day that Zoe Ball and Kevin Greening began presenting the station's breakfast show eyebrows at Virgin must have been raised even further.

Evans's media empire does not yet extend much beyond Soho, although he has aggressive plans for expansion. He owns a bewildering group of companies with the word Ginger in their title, generally referred to by the press as Ginger Productions or the Ginger Group.

John Revell, Evans's busi-

ness partner and co-presenter - known to listeners as "Johnny Boy" — inevitably does not play down the group's ambitions. "It was never intended for Ginger just to make programmes," he says. "The raison d'être of the company is to acquire talent, not only on air talent but production talent. "I would like us to have a

fairly large media group. I see us doing that through television, which is Chris's business and capable of generating large amounts of cashflow, and through radio. On the periphery we have an Internet business, and are gin Radio in the early 1990s, Revell was responsible for looking at the digital explosion that is about to happen."



Flaming cheek or ginger nut?

ans decided to concentrate on developing Ginger Tele-vision, which he owns entirely. The company currently produces TFI Friday for Channel 4, earning it an estimated E13 million a year. Revell also persuaded him to create Ginger Radio, a jointly owned spin-off from Ginger Air, the company

that produced Evans's breakfast show for Radio I. Reveil may look harmless but he has proved himself to be a rothless and focused understudy to Evans. As programme director of Virhiring Russ and Jono as breakfast DJs. He has no regrets that they were unceremoniously dumped to make way for Evans's breakfast show. He sees it simply as an

occupational hazard. Evans and Revell have known each other for nine years. Both worked their way up the radio ladder from local BBC stations, and neither went to university. "In the past Chris has been volatile and I have been more of a calming influence," Revell says. "I have seen him mature over the past two years, from this tyrannical screaming raging lunatic that everyone reads

about." "But he had to go through that to get what he more reasonable now."

No matter what he privately thinks of Evans, the Ginger empire has allowed Revell to pursue his own ambitions. "I have a lot of skills over and above just making programmes or being a producer. I know how commercial radio works internally. Heaven forbid, if Chris was run over by a bus tomorrow we would want to keep on trading because we have a lot of talented people working in the company." The success of Ginger will

depend heavily on Revell.

Although Evans has the potential to earn huge amounts of money, that will not be enough to form a successful media empire Companies such as Sky and Pearson. with whom Ginger is in joint venture discussions, are unlikely to tolerate any histrionics from Evans.

Meanwhile, the radio side of Evans's business is set to see the fastest growth. Ginger is trying to buy into troubled Radio Ireland and is also competing for North West and North East licences with DMG, the commercial radio arm of the Daily Mail and General Trust. It is also looking for opportunities in Eastern Europe and has been offered a national net-

work in Russia.
However, the radio business has not been a complete success. As part of The Edge, a consortium which included the billionaire financier George Soros and Michael Caine, the actor, it failed to win London's last FM licence earlier this year. The licence instead went to Xim, the instead went to Xim, the alternative music station backed by Robert Smith of The Cure. The Edge is now focusing on setting up a pan-European station, in which Ginger is likely to hold a stake.

Ginger Television continues to rake in cash, and has just been commissioned to produce two programmes, one about golf called Tee Time and the other about

modelling.

Meanwhile, the multimedia arm of Ginger is
about to launch a daily online football magazine. "If
you're a football fan, you can log in and get daily updates on any team — everything you want to know." Revell says, "It will have a network of stringers all over Britain giving audio feeds."

The ultimate success of the Ginger empire will depend on Evans's personal input to his businesses. Fortunately for investors, his interests are so diverse that his talent to create enemies is likely to be focused only on those who work directly with him.

it not. Evanes boasts and behind the scenes political wranging could put his business out in the cold for good. Then he would have to rely only on his talents as a broadcaster, which will not remain in favour for ever.

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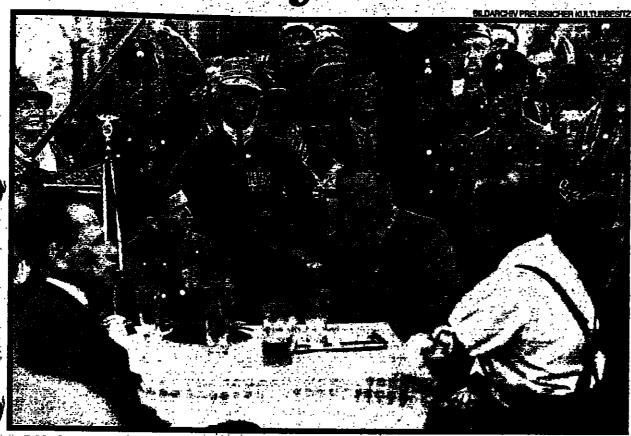
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A sorry tale of fact and friction



Critical success: The Nazis - A Warning From History has won favourable reviews and delivered the ratings



Factual programmes, such as the BBC's fly-on-the-windscreen Driving School, are once again big business

ou may think documenta-ries are in a parlous state on ITV, but if it hadn't been for Roger James it could be even worse. As head of Carlton's documentary department, James was powerless to stop the banish-ment of many factual programmes to the graveyard shift of 10.40pm. But he has succeeded in keeping some of the big names of the ITV documentary - such as John Pilger and Antony Thomas - on the

James began his career in the fine documentary tradition of Central TV, which Carlton swallowed up in 1994. Now 51, he has been shown the door by Carlton — just when he is chairing this week's Sheffield Inter-national Documentary Festival, an event which is celebrating the renaissance of the factual programme on British television over the past

Carlton insists that James has resigned voluntarily and refuses to disclose the reasons why. James will not be drawn on the subject, beyond saying that he is sad to be leaving. But insiders say his departure has its roots in friction with the company's programme controller. Steve Clarke, former head of regional programmes at Central, whose main claim to fame has been ITV's much-derided monarchy debate.

On the face of it, this looks like a from ITV's heavyweight past and a representative of the new, more accessible and commercially minded present. Except that one of James's recent commissions was Neighbours from Hell, a documentary glimpse of modern British life, which

won ITV an audience of 11.74 million last July in a 9pm slot, and so impressed the Network Centre that it promptly commissioned an entire series of the same name. That series will now have to be put together without input from the team which made the original such a success.

Not only will James have left Carlton, but both the director, Rod Williams, and the director who devised the idea, Mark De Beaufort, have declined to work on it. "The irony is that Roger has managed to maintain all the traditions of the ITV documentary, in terms of making programmes which win awards and favourable reviews, but also demonstrat-

ed that he can deliver ratings," says one

producer, "In any other system he would be given a bottle of champagne, not the order of the boot." As John Willis, the former Channel 4 programme controller, will tell delegates at Sheffield in his keynote address later this week, factual programmes — so often written off as part of a moribund and audience unfriendly genre - are currentsuccesses such as The House and The Nazis at one end of the spectrum to mainstream hits like Driving School and

Animal Hospital at the other, with

Viewers cannot get enough of factual programmes, so why are ITV's documentaries in such a parlous state? **Sue Summers** reports



Roger James: taking his leave of Carlton

numerous Cutting Edges, Secret Histories and Modern Times underpinning the schedules in between, the documentary has become big business.

Or at least it is on the BBC and Channel 4. and on niche broadcasters such as Discovery. ITV has so far seemed unable to capitalise on the revival of factual programming, moving between a PR disaster such as the monarchy debate on the one hand and on the other, expensively funded traditional documentaries, generally transmitted late at night with the minimum of fanfare.

d argue that if ITV isn't careful, it will have lost the high ground without having embraced the more accessible ground," Roger James says. "The tragedy is that in many people's minds within ITV, documentaries are seen as boring programmes which have no place in the schedule, because they're associated with the past and with the work of the regulators. "As soon as regulation seemed less

oppressive, after the last franchise round, V's first thought was how to get rid of a real problem over the past two or three years as they've become more successful." But with the recent departure of

Marcus Plantin, the ITV network director, the climate may be changing. ITV's shrewd new director of programmes, David Liddiment, has "categorically" denied it, but it seems that one of his first moves was to try to poach the man who has been chiefly responsible for the factual programming explosion — the BBC's head of documentaries and history, Paul Hamann.

Since the success of his first factual soap, Children's Hospital, three years ago. Hamann has doubled the size of his department. He has followed up with even bigger hits, such as Animal Hospital, Airport and the recent Driving School - which won an audience of 12 million against just 6 million for the ITV opposition, The Bill. The economics, too, are persuasive: £125,000 or less for an hour's documentary, compared with £650,000 or more for an hour's

As Hamann puts it: "If you can make Children's Hospital for one quarter or one third of the cost of The Bill and you can outgun The Bill in the ratings, why spend more money on making a drama series which might not attract the audience?"

The BBC has also enabled Hamann to commission heavyweight series like The Nazis and to establish two of TV's sharpest single documentary slots in Inside Story and Modern Times. ITV could never match that breadth. But after losing out to Peter Salmon for the control-lership of BBCl, Hamann was obviously judged to be ripe for a

"I couldn't leave, actually, because I think I have built up the best team in the business and I didn't want to damage it," he says. "But the whole landscape of ITV factual, unlike other parts of the schedule, needs a complete rethink. Marcus's biggest downside was his dislike of popular factual entertainment. It was quite extraordinary that he didn't take us on, but there's no doubt in my mind that David Liddiment will focus on the early slots much more."

As he prepared to leave ITV, however, Roger James sees "one danger in this great factual programme renaissance.

"The worry is that we will all get so carried away with factual's ability to deliver ratings to such a degree that we won't fight for and produce the more

challenging programmes," he says.
"ITV still does them but I'd argue that it's getting harder. In the old days I was able to commission 15 network documentaries a year. Now I'm pitching to the Network Centre like any other indepen-dent and I'm lucky if I get six away.

"And the BBC too must guard its The Nazis, I'd ask myself, 'Isn't the BBC just a little too obsessed with the popular

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having to pay an additional fee or the need to buy a satellite dish or pay for a cable connection. In the real world the arguments are much more

All around the world, sport is being driven by the business imperative and most of the money comes from the sale of television rights. Telling a football club quoted on the stock market that it cannot charge for what is simply an electronic version of the turn-

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Paul Johnson

enal success and its chances of staying at the top.

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as British Sky Broadcasting, in which News International owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake - has been positive. Apart from the effect of the extra money that has gone to the Premiership clubs atellite and cable allow the extra time and space to be devoted to sports, far beyond what a mixed schedule terrestrial broadcaster could justify. And yet society has an

interest here. In an increasingly fragmented coming to fulfil a more and more important role as something to bind the nation and allow, for an hour or two, shared moments of triumph

or despair. For that reason the House of Lords was absolutely right to rebel against the previous Government and include

a shortlist of events, such as the World Cup finals and the Wimbledon finals, which have to be available to terrestrial television — to all of us. History and tradition here play a part. People do not like suddenly having to pay for what was once free. The question now for Chris

Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, is should the list be expanded, and if so, what should be on it? Should Saturday's vital

World Cup qualifying game against Italy have been on terrestrial TV, as some ared, even though to insist on it would have meant finding a way to block a legal transaction between a willing seller, the Italian authorities, and a

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ing those who would not normally watch the sport involved. An obvious example is the Grand National, itself a listed event, although definitions are obviously subjective. Viewing figures provide something to work on - some indication of a scale of social support and a relative measure of deprivation if an event is not available

on terrestrial television. A second principle would be to set out more clear-cut rules for making recordings of subscription events av-"news access" as it is known. should be routinely available and a tariff established for

showing full recordings soon after the event. For ITV to be able to show the Italy-England match in full just after it had finished, in return for paying a rumoured one third of what BSkyB paid for the full rights, looks a use-

One difficult question remains how to deal with the financial injustice that a sports organisation suffers by having its top events "listed" One possible way out would

ful precedent.

be to provide some modest compensation for the owners of listed events. The obvious providers would be subscription broadcasters, and the sports which benefit hugely from selling subscription pay-per-view rights with rights to come. It may seem terribly unfair to make a subscription broadcaster pay for something for which it cannot bid but, believe me, subscription televised sport is a terrific business and it would be a small price to pay for political and social acceptance. Of course, a little lottery money might also be diverted. A TIMES NEWSPAPERS PRIZE DRAW

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The 46-year-old Beckenham MP has repeatedly denied any sexual relationship with Anna Cox, 18, but he said that he had decided to go "to shield his family and friends from intensive and continued intrusion into our private lives" Pages 1, 13

Booker Prize for debut novelist

■ Debut novelist Arundhati Roy has won the 1997 Booker Prize. She was the favourite for the £20,000 award. Professor Gillian Beer, who chaired the judges, said: "The extraordinary linguistic inventiveness of Arundhati Roy funnels the history of south India through the eyes of seven-year-old twins ... Page 1

Al Fayed accused

Mohamed Al Fayed was accused by Neil Hamilton of ordering his staff to break open a safe deporit box at his Harrods' store which was owned by his bitter business rival Tiny Rowland Pages 1, 12

Policeman cleared

A Scotland Yard marksman was deared of killing a robbery suspect who tried to drive away in a ...Page 1

NHS hope

Tony Blair voiced hopes that a winter crisis in the health service would be avoided after Gordon Brown announced an emergency £300 million injection Page 2

Teachers' campaign

Celebrities from the worlds of entertainment, sport, business and politics are spearheading a £10 million campaign to avert a teacher shortage and raise their

Queen in Amritsar

The Queen atoned on behalf of Britain for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar, one of the greatest atrocities of the Raj, with flowers, a minute's silence and a bow in homage...

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Social services managers were criticised over the death of a sixyear-old child when a report highlighted "serious failures" in Cambridgeshire's child protec-

Mercy death plea

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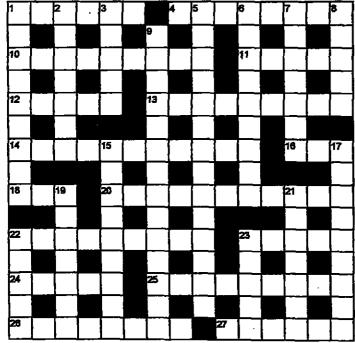
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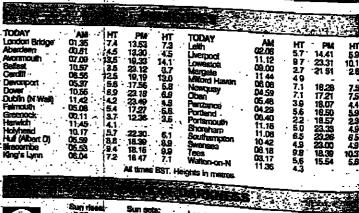
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Fed chief urges governments to work with markets

BY GRAHAM SEARIEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE head of America's central bank has issued a call for governments to work with the grain of markets to forestall financial crashes that will reverberate round the world. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board. said that financial integration and growth of derivatives, though a boon, raised the risks of policy

anniversary of the October 1987 international stock market crash. Mr Greenspan said: "Increasing global financial efficiency, by creating the mechanisms for mistakes to ricochet throughout the global financial system, has patently increased the potential for systemic

preparing the way for some rise in American interest rates, to forestall the impact on Wall Street, where share prices had edged down 0.6 per cent by lunchtime.

Mr Greenspan said that these changes made it more vital than ever before that central banks and governments should pursue sound ni-inflationary policie He told the Cato Institute in

Washington that the speed of trans-

drawbacks. The turnioù in the in 1992, the plunge in the exchange rate of the Mexican peso at the end of 1994 and early 1995 and the recent sharp exchange rate adjustments in a number of Asian economies have shown how the new world of financial tracting can punish policy misalign-

ter of Malaysia, Mr Greenspan said that governments could not reverse technology and that attempts to impose restrictions or controls on financial flows will bring "adverse, unintended consequences". Governments should instead concentrate on issuing timely information about their economies, including foreign exchange obligations, and tailor policies to avoid distorting their financial systems.

Summit in Hong Kong, leaders of Singapore and the Philippines also backed open markets, implicitly disagreeing with Dr Mahathir, who threatened stringent controls to stop speculation but has since moderated

Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, said: "We cannot and must not turn the clock back. Rather, we must turn it

Berkeley shows the City how to escape MMC

THE innovative structure of a £125 million share issue by Berkeley Group, the upmarket house-builder, may enable the City to escape a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, its designer claimed yesterday.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, recently told the City that he is "minded to refer" the system of underwriting new share ues to the Commission for investiation. The Office of Fair Trading believes the underwriting system may be a complex monopoly that requires companies to pay more than money.

The scheme deployed by J Henry behalf of Berkeley was estimated to have saved the housebuilder [1.1] million in City fees. Berkeley paid sub-underwriting commissions of 0.3 per cent of the amount raised; a reduction from the traditional 1.25 per cent. Richard Broadbent, head of investment banking at Schroders, said he believed the new approach should mean "Bridgeman will at least give us a further pop before, God help us, he launches an investigation".

The OFT said this development was a new factor that Mr Bridge man would have to consider before taking a final decision on whether a monopolies investigation

It was Schroders that first broke the convention of paying a fixed 1.25 per cent commission to the investors who guarantee new share issues in its handling of last year's £220 million rights issue for Stakis. the hotels group. Its innovation, SUD-UDGETWITTERS to offer to accept a lower commission rate, has been adopted by other investment banks and, as a consequence, average commission levels have

fallen to about 1 per cent. Schroders has now taken its original idea further. Firstly, it has offered the new shares at a deep discount to the prevailing market price - at 560p against Berkeley's opening price of 7602p. Mr Broadbent said this reduced risks for investors and encouraged them to bid aggressively in their willingness to accept low comm

"We welcome this agreement

... however, it would be

unwise to raise consumer

subject to other factors.

Secondly, Schroders was willing to accept offers from all investors and market-makers, instead of restricting the subunderwriting to the traditionally narrow list of blue

Mr Broadbent said the third and potentially most important change was to allow Berkeley's existing shareholders to participate in the sub-underwriting pro rata to their shareholding. Almost half of the Berkeley issue was underwritten by existing shareholders.

Berkeley, probably the best regarded company in its sector, said it wanted the money to carry on buying land — even though it still has cash from having raised £33 million in a placing at 715p earlier this year. Shareholders are offered two new shares for every nine they hold. Berkeley's shares closed at 728 p - a small increase after

adjusting for the rights issue.
Tony Pidgley, the former
Barnardo's boy who is Berkeley's
chief executive, has overseen a rapid expansion of the company. Berkeley forecast that its profits in the year to next April will be at least . £90 million, an increase of 20 per cent over last year's £75 million



Tony Pidgley, chief executive, has overseen a rapid expansion of the company

Revised takeover plan lifts WH Smith

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

JEREMY HARDIE and Richard Handover, the chairman and chief executive of WH Smith, have bowed to pressure and agreed to put revised akeover proposals from Tim Waterstone before the trou-

bled retail group's board. Hopes that the proposals may turn into a full bid helped drive WH Smith's share price 15p higher to 4062p, a level not seen since June.

The board threw out Mr Waterstone's original proposal a formight ago. The key changes are believed to be a reduction in the value given to Daisy and Tom, Mr Waterstone's children's shop, from £35 million to nearer £9 million, and a reduction in the level of debt the deal

There is also a suggestion that the proceeds from disposals of parts of the group, such as Virgin Our Price and the US retail operations, would be returned to shareholders. WH Smith said in a statement that, at the request of Mr Waterstone, their discussions will be kept confidential.

However, Mr Handover is expected to discuss the new proposals with the institutional shareholders he has already agreed to meet later this week.

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Rush job

St Ives, the printing E30 million this year from the flurry of takeover activity. It commands 20 per cent of the market for printing takeover documents at short notice. Page 29

Franchise

National Express has secured confirmation of one of its key rail franchises with the announcement of a £41 million order for new trains. Page 28

Ofgas secures cuts in pipeline fees

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT A TWO-YEAR dispute be- Sue Slipman, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said:

tween the gas regulator and BG over pipeline charges endyesterday with a higher than expected 25 per cent oneoff cut. But customers were warned that they may not enjoy the full benefit of the possible £34 cut in bills. BG, which last year accused

Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, of mounting the "biggest smash and grab raid" in corporate history, accepted the cut in licence amendments to implement a Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruling it had already backed. The jump in the one-off cut

on charges levied by Transco, BG's pipeline subsidiary, from the MMC's 21 per cent to 25, has been made because gas volumes going through the system are higher than the MMC had expected. As a result, transport charges must be hit harder to keep revenues within the limits imposed by the MMC. Ofgas believes this could trim an extra £5 from bills on top of the £29 it first suggested. But Centrica is the only Transco gas supply customer obliged to pass through reduced shipping costs.

Electrolux jobs in UK

production at another.
One union, which has been working with managers on survival plans for the expectation of price reductions too high. Shipping accounts for less than half of a gas bill and reductions will also be Ms Spottiswoode said the pricing regime was "a very calm and clear protection of customer interests". David

Varney, chief executive of BG, said: "This is 99 per cent of what the MMC offered us." BG, formed when British Gas demerged its pipeline op-eration from its downstream business, is reducing its workforce by 2,500 in a cost-cutting drive it said was necessitated by the MMC ruling. Unison, the public sector union, said it was ancious not to see further job cuts as a result of yester-

goods and exporting jobs." day's agreement -Mike Jeram, for Umson, said: Transco must not be allowed to cut jobs just to maintain dividend payments to shareholders rather than achieve them by other means."

sheds 1,300

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 1300 UK jobs are to be axed with the closure of one Electrolux factory and the end of refrigeration

factories in Luton, Bedfordshire, and Spennymoor. Co Durham, called the move "devastating and tragle". The Luton factory will close, while Spennymoor will

make only cookers.
The Swedish-owned company said it was transferring the manufacture of refrigerators and vacuum cleaners to factories in other countries, thought to be the United States and Hungary. Doug Collins, regional officer of the AEEU engineering workers union, said:
"We will be importing will be importing

The action is part of restructuring announced by the company in June, when it said it must cut 12,000 jobs worldwide. The company said it will keep 3,500 employees in the UK and 100,000 throughout its operations.

Merger top-up for **Speciality chiefs**

TWO directors of Speciality Shops, the property invest-ment company, will each receive a £180,000 top-up to their pension funds after agreeing to a £37 million takeover bid from Conrad Ritblat, the property consultancy and investment group chaired by John

Conrad Ritblat is making an all-share offer for Speciality Shops, which owns interests in ten shopping centres, including the Waverley centre in Edinburgh and Victoria Place in London. The offer of 162p per share, described as a merger, is based on 54.12 CR shares for 100 Speciality shares and will give Speciality Shops investors a 40.6 per cent interest in Milner Group, the merged company.

David Houghton and Stephen Jaffe, founders and joint managing directors of Speciality Shops, will join the board of Milner Group as deputy chairman and managing director (property), respectively. Together they own less than 0.5 per cent of Speciality Shops, but each is to receive a one-off payment of £180,000 into their respective pension

schemes when the merger is declared unconditional. Philip Lewis, chief executive of Conrad Ritblat, said the payments were intended to

reflect a change of status: When they come on to our board, you could argue there has been a loss of office. They are joint managing directors at the moment. They won't have control on the new board." A spokesman for BZW,

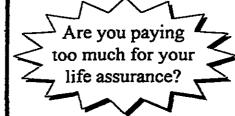
which is advising Speciality Shops said: "The distinction is whether they are being paid in their roles as directors or as a special deal for certain shareholders. We are satisfied that it is the former."

Milner Group will own a property portfolio worth £185 illion of which 63 per cent will be retail. Speciality was floated in 1994 at 130p per share with the

acquisition of a shopping centre from Postel Properties, part of the renamed Hermes fund management group, Hermes controls 28 per cent of Speciality and will be accept-

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Arriva arrives and upsets Sir Tom sion client said: "As a woman.

BY FRASER NELSON

COWIE GROUP, the car dealer and bus operator, has claimed the last laugh in its long-running hattle with Sir Tom Cowie, its exiled founder, by stripping his surname from its 92,000

The company is paying £1.5 million for a product relaunch, arguing that Sir Tom's family name sucks in the through of continental customers. From heat week it will begin to spray a new

brand name across its buses, car dealerships and fleet hires: Arriva. Cowie clients were told yesterday that the old name was acting as a psychological barrier to growth. Sir James McKimon, chairman, said: The Cowie brand simply does not give us the profile we feel we deserve. It fails to travel well into other languages and cultures. The answer is simple. One: brand One company. One vision."
Sir Tom, said vesterday. This is

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wasteful and vindictive, but this typi-fies the kind of idiots I have unfortunately left running the company." The name change was kept a secret,

and about 50 clients were invited to Canary Wharf yesterday without being told the purpose of the meeting. They were told the Cowie name was regressive while the name Arriva would ntake the company seem dynamic, proactive and appeal to women for psychological reasons. The change met pathetic snipe at me. It's judicrous, a juixed reception. One leasing divi-

Joe, Fred or Cowie. I look at what the company has to offer on a business basis not by how much I like its name." Arriva, which means nothing in any language, will be put on every one of Cowie's 77,000 buses and every other brand name — from Green Line to British Bus — will be deleted. Analysts said abolishing the brand names should save £300,000 on repainting buses the 2 move between fleets.

couldn't care if the company is called

Airbus chairman to

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, the pan-European aircraft maker, revealed yesterday that Edzard Reuter, the chairman of its supervisory board, will stand down by the end of this year.

The move is part of a restructuring plan under which Airbus would become a stand-alone company at the beginning of 1999. It is now a consortium owned by British Aerospace, Aerospatiale of France, Dasa of Germany and Casa of Spain, and is widely represented to be unustable.

and is widely perceived to be unwieldy.

Herr Reuter's replacement will be the head of one of these companies. A new president of Airbus management is also due to be appointed. Airbus announced that it has received an order from Timieric of Training month up to \$185 million.

leave in shake-up

Transport group wins franchise with £41m rail order

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL EXPRESS has secured confirmation of one of its key rail franchises with the an-nouncement of a £41 million order for new trains.

The bus and train group has been granted a ten-year franchise on its Mid-land Mainline network following the decision to purchase 17 new trains serving the East Midlands.

The order, which will enable the company to double the number of services south of Derby and Nottingham, follows a 9 per cent increase in passengers in the first year of the tranchise.

The trains, to be built by Adtranz in Derby, will be leased over the franchise period from Porterbrook. the rolling stock company. National Express, which runs five rail franchises. was granted a provisional ten-year franchise on the Midland Mainline last year on condition that it increased services and added trains to the network.

The company was required under its franchise agreement to add 12 new trains to its Midlands service, and the larger order was hailed by the company's directors as a signal of the success of the privatised system. It also makes more likely closer coordination between Midland Mainline and Central trains, another franchise working in the Midlands and owned by

National Express. The announcment coincides with pressure from several leading train operating companies for better arrangements to encourage investment in new trains. They are orging ministers to allow the cost of major investment to be spread over a longer period than a single franchise so that they do not have to bear the full burden of investment over a seven, ten or fifteen-year period.



Brian Ivory, left, the chief executive of Highland Distilleries, raises a glass with John Goodwin, chairman, yesterday per cent to 8.9n.

Highland attacks rising duty

JOHN GOODWIN used his last results presentation as chairman of Highland Distillcries to launch a scathing attack on the Government's decision to raise duty on spirits in the New Year.

"Kenneth Clarke reduced it for two successive years," he said. "It was a pretty incredible decision to reverse that It's anti-British, it's anti-Scottish and it's anti-manufacturing and we can't understand it."

His comments came as Highland, boosted by a maiden full-year contribution from Macallan-Glenlivet, reported pre-tax profits 7 per cent higher at £43.1 million, on turnover 9 per cent better at

The total dividend rises 7

order from Tunisair of Tunisia worth up to £185 million. Ramco shares fall again

SHARES in Ramco Energy, which traded at £12.30 earlier this year, fell a further 37 p to 802 p yesterday after the oil and gas group reported pre-tax losses of £379,000 for the six months to June 30, against profits of £853,000 in the first half of the previous year. The loss per share was 1.84p. (earnings of 2.91p). Again, there is no interim dividend. The company said its £54 million failed takeover bid for JKK had cost about £400,000. Rameo has operations in Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Czech Republic and Poland.

Payoff for Jerome

S JEROME & SONS, textile manufacturer and supplier to Marks & Spencer, is to pay £297,000 to Stephen Jerome, who quit as joint managing director last month. The sum will be included in restructuring costs for the fulf year. Pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 were down from £614,000 to £581,000. The company spent £130,000 on restructuring in the first half. Earnings per share fell to 2.9p (4.6p) and the company will pay an interim dividend of 1.125p (1p) on November 13.

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Hanson sale nets \$52m

HANSON is raising \$52.5 million (£32.5 million) from the sale of its 32 per cent stake in Koppers Industries, a manufacturer and supplier of coke and chemicals. Christopher Collins, Hanson's chairman, said the business came into the group when Hanson acquired Beazer in 1991. The Koppers aggregates business now forms part of Cornerstone, Hanson's sand, gravel and crushed stone operation. The Koppers Industries stake has been bought by its management and their backers.

Burke cashes in shares

TREVOR BURKE, founder of PhoneLink, the telephone in formation and marketing company, has sold four million of his family's shares at 60p each, raising £2.4 million. The shares, an 8.3 per cent stake, have been sold to Reggeborgh Beheer, a Dutch investment company. Reggeborgh has an option to buy the remaining 34.7 per cent stake owned by Mr Burke's family at 80p per share before April 13, 1998. Reggeborgh also has an option to take its holding to 29.9 per cent up to 15 working days after PhoneLink announces its 1998 to 1999 results.

Henry Boot advances

HENRY BOOT, the Sheffield construction and property group, lifted pre-tax profits to £3.2 million from £2.9 million in the six months to June 30 in spite of a fall in turnover to £60.4 million from £75.5 million. Earnings per share rose by 10 per cent to 8.6p (7.8p) and an interim dividend of 2.3p (2.1p) will be paid on November 18. The group blamed the fall in turnover on a lack of large development sales falling into the period. The company forecasts that turnover in 1997 will be about the same as in 1996.

Ideal lifts dividend

IDEAL HARDWARE, the computer systems distributor, reported pre-tax profits of £10.75 million for the extended 15month financial year ended August 2 on turnover of £221.6 million. The company said it had achieved further organic growth in a challenging market for information-technology products and services. Earnings were 33.2p a share. Ideal reported pre-tax profits of E7.8 million and earnings of 24.7p a share for the 12 months to May 3, 1996. The final dividend of 3p a share lifts the total to 16.2p a share from 10.8p.

GoshawK back in profit

GOSHAWK INSURANCE HOLDINGS, the specialist Lloyd's of London group, recorded profits of £1.7 million before tax in the first half of 1997, compared with a loss of £2.5 million in the first half of 1996. David Hooker, chairman, said that weak rates and overcapacity were still making Lloyd's a difficult market. An interim dividend of 1.2p (0p). will be paid on December 5. Goshawk recently bought Matheson's Lloyds investment trust for £33.5 million to provide long-term capital for the group and the syndicates it manages.

France tries to dispel fears over new defence group

FRANCE'S socialist Government yesterday sought to disdefence giant formed around Thomson-CSF and Alcatel Alsthom would act as a brake on European defence industry consolidations.

Alain Richard, the Defence Minister, said that the group. which will also involve Dassault and Aérospatiale, should seek alliances with GEC of Britain and Daimler Benz Aerospace (Dasa) of Germany. However, his comments are unlikely to appease market scepticism over a deal that should end 18 months of hesitation over Thomson-CSF's future and result in its privatisation.

Alcatel's chairman, Serge Tchuruk, emerged triumphant from his battle with Lagardère when the Government said his company, Allied Dassault, would obtain a 25 per cent stake in Thomson-CSF in return for pooling its

From Adam Sage in paris telecommunications and

space business. No cash will change hands. The announcement was a blow for British Aerospace

which, along with Dasa, had backed the bid by Lagardère, owner of Matra. The new group will also include the satellites of the state-owned Aérospatiale, which will obtain a stake of about 10 per cent, as well as the electronics of Dassault With Thomson-CSFs staff

telecommunications".

of shares, the state will lose and Dasa, However, many control of the group, seeing its analysts are not so confident. They believe that the group lacks a clear control-room and could be torn between the stake fall from 58 to about 40 Alcatel said in a statement diverging interests of its big-ger shareholders; the State Thomson-CSF would become number one in the world in

military communications, number three in radar, and number four in satellite M Richard said yesterday

to be offered a small number

the new group was in a good position to conclude alliances

They are also concerned

that M Jospin has imposed a "Franco-French solution" that flies in the face of a muchneeded restructuring of the

Departing

Shield chief

cashes in

By PAUL DURMAN

THE wildly volatile shares in

Shield Diagnostics plunged by 100p to 6172p yesterday as

Gordon Hall cashed in two

thirds of his options for £1.5 million or more after making

an abrupt departure from his

post as managing director. **
Mr Hall, 55, was leading

the negotiations to secure a

marketing deal for Shield's

heart disease test, regarded as

Mr Hall had been planning to

Mr Hall's decision to sell

was interpreted as a lack of

gotiations as a consultant.

as managing director.

retire for some time.

potential blockbuster Hamish Hale, chairman, said

Sun Life Irish disposal Sales staff suspended

Who does the Halifax

SUN LIFE & PROVINCIAL, the life insurer, is selling its life and pensions business in the Republic of Ireland to Bank of Ireland for IrE213 million

Bank of Ireland offered Ir£23.82 Monday's closing price of Ir £20, for the insurer's 83 per cent stake in New Ireland Holdings. The bank yesterday issued Ir£198.9 million of new shares to help to finance the deal.

Bank on?

Mark Wood, chief executive of Sun Life & Provincial, said the disposal would

acquisition of Bristol & West Building Society in July, said New Ireland would boost its share of the expanding Irish life and pensions market to 18 per cent, putting it second to Irish Life.

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By Marianne Curphey LIVERPOOL VICTORIA, which sells managers. It comes after the Bournesavings and insurance policies door-to-mouth society relocated from Central

allow the company to focus on its key door, has suspended its entire sales and underwent a substantial markets in the UK after a 1760 force indefinitely after discovering probability after discovering probability in July.

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The suspension began yesterday and affects all 230 financial advisers and 40

every month the sales force is off the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) had been informed. The company said that it had discovered gaps in refer 'ences for new staff and in training and

competence of existing advisers.

Prince takes **5.9% stake** in Daewoo

Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the Saudi businessman, is to take a 5.9 per cent stake in Daewoo Corporation, the South Korean industrial group. The prince believes that Daewoo is a well-balanced company" and that "conditions in the Pacific Rim are now ripe for investment"...

He said: This is the first investment in many to come in the region, and I have great confidence in the Far East." The prince has stakes in Citicorp, the US bank, Apple

Computer and a wide range of hotel and leisure companies including Four Seasons-Regent. He has held stakes in Euro Disney and Canary Wharf. The prince is to take the stake via the purchase of \$50.5 million (£30 million) of convertible bonds in Daewoo by Kingdom Inc.

Wilmington advances

Wilmington Group, the business magazine publishers. lifted pre-tax profits 32 per cent to 62.72 million on turnover up 15 per cent to £17.8 million in the six months to August 31. Earnings rose 33 per cent to 2.54p a share and a single annual dividend will

be paid in July. Brian Gilbert, Wilmington's chief executive, who completed seven small acquisitions in the past 18 months, yesterday promised a "very satisfactory set of results for the full year". Analysts are predicting pre-tax profits of £5.2 million to E5.3 million. The group listed on the Stock Exchange in De-cember 1995.

Sales surge for Reliance

Reliance Industries, India's largest private sector company, raised its half-year pre-tax profit by 29 per cent to \$232

The petrochemicals to textiles group enjoyed a 57 per cent surge in sales to \$1.75 bil-lion (ELI billion), because of the addition of new capacity at its Hazira plant in Gujarat. Reliance said that its operating margin was maintained at 19 per cent despite lower prices and higher raw material costs.

confidence in the progress of the negotiations, although Dr Hale said Shield still hoped to conclude a deal before the end of the year. Mr Hall will continue working on the ne-Although Shield's shares have soured this year, it has often seemed accident prone because of leaks of sensitive information, poorly timed share sales by directors and

other mishaps."
David Evans, Shield's finance director, has taken over

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YES I'm interested in discovering how my organisation

ohn Bridgeman set last Pri-day as the closing date for submissions to dissuade him from launching a full scale Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the way the City raises equity capital for companies. They may have missed that deadline, but yesterday the innovative brains at Schroders produced the most eloquent evidence as to why the Director-General of Fair Trad-

> particular aspect of City The bank's rights issue on behalf of Berkeley Group, the housebuilder, answers any pos-sible qualms that Mr Bridge man might have about vulnerable corporate customers being held to ransom by a City cartel. If other houses are wise, they should quickly persuade one or two of their clients to go in for a round of fundraising on similar terms, thus providing all the evidence that Mr Bridgeman might need to convince him that

ing need not interfere in this

the rights issue system can function fairly and efficiently. The one certainty is that a prolonged MMC inquiry would be a drain on City time, be undeniably highly priced, and the cost would eventually find its way on to clients' bills.

Schroders was one of the first banks to take seriously the threat that Mr Bridgeman posed when he began to query why the total cost of a rights issue was always 2 per cent. For someone whose

Schroders gets it bang to rights

background was in industry, a Alcan, the newcomer at the OFT might reasonably have thought that he had whiff of an

unsavoury cartel. That he was not entirely wrong is apparent from the fact that the cost of a rights issue is now not always 2 per cent Without too much trouble, Schroders has brought the cost down to 0.3 per cent by means of a deep discount and tendered sub-underwriting.

This is not the kind of innovation that the giant houses from the United States wanted to see. They have been devoting much effort to persuading Mr Bridgeman that their system of book building is infinitely preferable to the staid old British rights issue while placeing mer the issue, while glossing over the fact that it is generally consid-erably more expensive. What the Americans would eschew, and the rights issue preserves, is the crucial issue of ownership, in the form of pre-emption rights.

While providing reasonably priced capital for companies is a laudable aim, stripping inves-tors of their rights is hardly the ideal way of achieving it. The investors who own Berkeley retain their pre-emption rights



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

raising, and so they should. Mr Bridgeman may have high-lighted a problem but if, as it appears, he has inspired the offenders to come up with their own solution, then he should move on to rootle out sharp practice elsewhere. And if the investment banks try to slip back Europe, and the UK in particuto the comfort of the familiar 2

City must hold out for one set of rules

per cent routine, then perhaps it

is up to their clients to insist on a better deal. They could always threaten to head for Schroders.

nternational trade talks rarely grab headline atten-tion. Tortuously slow and mind-bogglingly detailed, dis-cussions conducted under the auspices of the World Trade Organisation are almost predestined to receive little scrutiny. Thankfully, a paper to be pub-lished today by the European

Policy Forum provides a timely reminder that talks on financial services liberalisation are fast reaching their December deadline. The paper gives warning that failure to reach agreement would jeopardise the future of the City of London.

lar, has much to gain from a successful conclusion to the talks. Liberalisation would allow UK companies into emerging mar-kets at a time when financial services look ripe for rapid expansion. Insurance premiums account for around 8 per cent of GDP in developed economies but less than 2 per cent of GDP in countries such as Mexico and Turkey. Cynics might also sug-gest that the insurance industry will be only too willing to expand far from the "naming and sham-ing" culture of their domestic base. The DTI estimates that in

total an agreement could be worth a further £5 billion to the

British financial services sector.

Attempts to sign a financial services liberalisation agreement, however, have failed twice before and there is a real danger that the latest round of talks will also stall. European negotiators are caught between an over-enthusiastic United States, inclined to reject anything that stops short of full liberalisation, and the still sceptical Asian and

emerging market nations. The financial markets crisis in South East Asia has hardly helped the liberalisers' cause. The string of banking failures across the region has increased scepticism over further deregulation. The IMF has also muddied liberalising capital accounts — a different ambition.

But the report makes the vital point that the aim of an agreement on financial services is not to remove the right of individual nations to regulate their financial markets, but simply to create a level playing field. The report

concludes there are grounds for "cautious optimism" but Europe must be prepared to ask for an extension to the talks if nec-

essary.

The alternative — a series of bilateral agreements and even new protective measures in some markets — is not worth countenancing for the City of

Utilitarian will called for

argaret Beckett should have been taking notes and Ofgas finally kissed and made up after their exhaustive battle over pipeline cost controls. The President of the Board of The President of the Board of The President of the Board of t Trade has said that predictability in utility regulation will be a priority for the Government in its regulatory review. There can be little less predictable than a twoyear tussle which continued into the final throes of implementing

an MMC judgment.
After the MMC's recommendation, there proved to be considerable scope for interpretation. Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, deciding that gas volumes had increased to such a

level that the MMC figures were invalidated, suggested capping BG's pipeline revenues. Such an action would have given the business precious little incentive to expand and was abandoned.

Although the MMC is in-tended to have the final word in disputes there is no legal obligation for the regulator to accept rulings to the letter. Indeed, the Northern Ireland electricity regulator ignored an MMC de-cision which he did not like.

Regulation is notoriously opaque to the ordinary utility buying person. But when it also interprets rulings by an organisation traditionally regarded as an umpire it is in danger of being unaccountable. Ms Spottiswoode may have finally made a decision that protects customers and rewards shareholders but Labour must ensure that future decisions are not merely the outcome of prolonged scraps.

A matter of thrust

AS THE excruciatingly named Thrust SSC hurtled through the sound barrier, the rare sound of rejoicing could be heard at BTR. The conglomerate now being honed into a modern engineer-ing combine contributed to both the brakes and the batteries. Unfortunately, it did so in the name of Dunlop and Hawker, so will have done little to boost BTR in investors' perceptions. Cue for a change of corporate identity? Anything but Thrust plc.

Takeovers win £30m for St Ives

ST IVES, the printing group, stands to gain up to £30 million this year from the flurry of takeover activity that is expected to dominate the City in the coming months.

The company, which commands 20 per cent of the market for printing takeover documents at short notice, is hoping to win business from Reed Elsevier's merger with Wolters Kluwer and Lafarge's hostile bid for Redland.

Miles Emley, chairman, said: "If I had been asked what the corporate printing market was like two days ago, I would have said things were very quiet. This all changed on Monday and we seem to be in

His comments came as the company returned a pre-tax profit of £48.9 million in the year to August I, up from £42.2 million in the previous year and exceeding City fore-casts. The shares rose 12½p to The results were helped by

the expansion of the magazine

market, in which St Ives has a 20 per cent stake, and the increasing number of pages.

Mr Emley said: The number of pages in magazines is going up by around 5 per cent a month. This is great for us because it is extra revenue at no extra cost; once we've got the original contract, that's it." The company also won the

contract to produce inlays for Elton John's Candle-in the Wind single, the biggest sell-ing UK record of all time. St Ives is to make a donation, the sum undisclosed, to the Prin-cess of Wales Memorial Fund. Mr Emley played down the amount that the company could make from the venture. denigrate this order, but the whole thing would have meant around 20 hours work for one of our smaller printing

Earnings were 33.3p a share (28.7p). The dividend rises to ll 6p with a final 8.2p, due

Tempus, page 30

Hamleys looks to **Teletubbies**

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

HAMLEYS, the toy retailer, is counting on Teletubby and Spice Girl dolls to spark the toy market into life before Christmas.

Howard Dyer, chairman, said the toy market is static, but Hamleys continues to see good sales of Tamagotchi 'virtual pets' and Star Wars products. Spice Girls merchandise is sel-ling fast and a new range of dolls is due in November. Teletubby dolls are selling out as soon as they reach the shops and demand is expected to outstrip supply before Christmas. Pre-tax profit in the half-

year to August 2 was down from £2 million to £1.35 million, hit by the cost of buying. Toystack and developing the House of Toys concessions in Debenhams department stores. The interim dividend, raised from 3p to 3.3p, will be paid on November 21.

Receivers called in at motor group

By Fraser Nelson

FORMULA ONE Holdings the motor racing memorabilia chain that raised £850,000 on the unregulated Ofex ex-change just ten months ago, has fallen into receivership. The group, which had app

lied for an Alternative Investment Market listing, has collapsed owing undisclosed debts. It has called in KPMG

Tony Thompson, who is overseeing the disposals, said: Even after the fundraising, they ran out of money and went into receivership last week." The shops will contin ue to trade until remaining stock is sold. Mr Thompson "We have around £500,000 of stock left." Former advisers to Form

One suggested its exclusive license to sell Damon Hill the driver's fall in popularity.

Regal Hotels plans £64m modernisation

By MARTIN BARROW

REGAL HOTELS is raising up to £64 million to modernise its chain of 99 provincial hotels.

The company plans to spend up to £30 million in the next year refurbishing and rebranding its hotels, which comprise Forte's old White Hart chain acquired from Granada for £122 million and Whitbread's Country Club hotels, bought for £64.5 million. A further £11.5 million is to be invested in the acquisition of the 402-bedroom Plaza on Hyde Park. The purchase price is thought to be about £45 million and ir will be

ture with Regent Corporation, an American company linked to Malayan United Industries. Regal will manage the hotel in return for 10 per cent of

Regent has agreed to invest £39.3 million for a 20 per cent interest in Regal at 49.2p per ordinary share and 113p per convertible preference share. There is an open offer of new shares for existing investors.

This is Regal's third fundraising operation in 18 months. Yesterday the shares

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New Waterstone cha pushes WH Smith hi

vised to keep an eye out for shares of WH Smith last night as one confident advocate paid a sizeable premium for a parcel of shares just hours after Tim Waterstone's consortium met the company to discuss the terms of its recent

The troubled retailer ended the day 15p better at 406'2p as more than 1.5 million shares changed hands. After the offi-cial close of business last night one buyer paid 410p for a line of 25,000 shares, raising speculation that a deal of some sort may be imminent.

Earlier this month, Richard Handover, the new chief executive at Smith, dismissed an unofficial approach from Tim Waterstone, founder of the Waterstone book chain it now owns, and Ian Martin, chairman of Unigate. The terms, put together by SBC Warburg, their backer, included a 200p cash payment and one share created to make the bid.

But yesterday the news-agent was forced to meet Waterstone and Martin after pressure from its institutional shareholders. It is believed that the consortium has watered down the cash element of the deal to 150p and written down the value of his Daisy & Tom chain of children's stores from £35 million to £9 million.

Nick Bubb at Société Génerale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said investors are waking up to the fact that Smith is a "no lose situation". He puts a break-up value on the business of 500p a share.

The rest of the equity market recovered from an early rush of profit-takers to end the day virtually all-square. An opening rise on Wall Street, ahead of a speech by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, provided a prop to the market. Worries about a rise next month in interest rates were also soothed by the latest survey from the British Retail Con-

The FTSE 100 index, down 28.1 early on, closed just 1.2 off at 5.298.9 in low turnover of less than 800 million shares.

British Energy hit a new peak with a rise of 231 ap at 42712p on talk of a "buy" recommendation from BZW. Claims that Dresdner Kleinwort Benson is ready to publish a bullish note appears wide of the mark. Almost



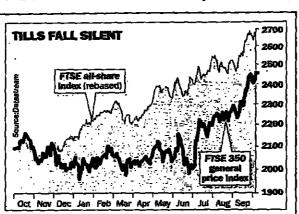
Brian Edwards, left, and Miles Emley, of St Ives, up 1212p

seven million shares had changed hands by the close. Britton Group was a late casualty, tumbling 24p to 9812p after Caraustar Industries decided not to bid. Last week, it made an unofficial approach with an offer of 130p a share. Britton rejected the move despite evidence of institutional backing.

Redland rose 2p to 33812p but remains above the terms

worth 320p being offered by Lafarge of France. Brokers are convinced Rudolph Agnew, chairman of Redland, will be able to squeeze better terms of up to 380p a share from the French. City speculators claim Hanson, 12p firmer at 30912p and RMC Group, 312p better at 985p, may also bid.

Revived talk of a bid from RTZ, down 8p at 98412p. drove English China Clays



THE high street retailers suffered a markdown after the latest survey from the British Retail Consortium showing a further slowdown in consumer spending.

The setback for clothing retailers did not come as a surprise, but a few eye-brows were raised at the drop-off in sales of house-hold goods. This affected the likes of Kingfisher, 12p off at 845 p. and Dixons. 13p down at 6822p. Others to lose ground included Marks & Spencer, 12p lower at 6402p, Boots, 112p cheaper at 9202, and Storehouse, 72p down at 237p. Mal Patel, at Merrill Lynch, said it was a typical over-reaction. The market already knew that clothing sales have been depressed.

"I think investors have decided, we don't know what's happening to inter-est rates, let's take a profit. There was certainly no reason for knocking the likes of Boots," he added.

Nick Bubb, at SocGen. also believes the market over-reacted: "The windfall money has not all been spent. We should see still enjoy a strong fourth 13412p bid tar

Rec best p the to news merge

The acted from : Turnb strong "hold" 645p. It is also a buyer of RPIX 157.8 Sep 12.7% Jun 1987=100 General Accident, 2812p dearer at £11.5712. Its comments follow the confirmation of merger talks between BAT Industries, down 4p at 605p and Zurich and the bid by Italy's Generalli for AGF of

Traders were ruffled by the news that Gordon Hall had resigned as managing director of Shield Diagnostics. The price responded with a fall of 100p to 61712p. Shield is currently testing AFT, a system designed to detect heart dis-

ease in the early stages. Full-year figures from Si Ives were at the top end of City forecasts and were duly rewarded with a rise of 1212p at 53212p. Miles Emley, chairman, and Brian Edwards. managing director, said the performance was despite the problems caused by a strong pound.

Smiths Industries put on 8p at 97512p ahead of today's full-

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices continued to feed on speculation that Britain may be poised to join the first wave pf countries signing up for a single European currency. In futures, the December

long gilt put on five ticks to close at £1192132 in modest trading that saw 50,000 contracts completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose seven ticks to Ell6s.

while among shorter dated issues Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £18 firmer at E1035 to.

NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average shed most of its early gains, following Nasdaq lower on the back of sliding technology stocks. At midday the Dow was 1.23 points ahead at 8,073.45.

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Opportun	ity knocks
RIVAL housebuilders must be sick of reading that Berkeley Group has a record second to none. It has acquired an awesome reputation for its land dealings over the past ten years and that more than anything, will ensure that	competition at bay. The arguments are why half-convincing and shareholders may be concerned that this latest cashcall is much more to the company's convenience than their own.
the larest F125 million cash call finds backers aplenty. This is Berkeley's third round of fund raising in under two years, taking the total to more than £230 million. The company has continued to repay its shareholders' indulgence, delivering a strong increase in profits	Berkeley has net cash in the best its own conservative parameters, it could by its own conservative parameters, it could afford to carry on buying land for another six months. However, Berkeley is nobody's fool; the housing market could look very different in less than a year and the company does well to caution about market cycles. The best thing about this rights issue is that

and a steadily rising share price.

Over the past year, Berkeley's confidence in the market has encouraged it to embark on what is almost a buying frenzy. Berkeley admits land prices are becoming "fairly hot". but believes that a focus on urban sites that require significant planning work keeps

apany does well The best thing about this rights issue is that

have unlimited patience.

Neither do investors. Never-

theless, most shareholders

will probably want to see

how Mr Grade, who became

full-time chairman earlier

this year, meets the chall-

enge. If he fails, there is

every chance a predator

might put them out of their

misery. Bingo is a business

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the deep discount saves shareholders about £1 million in costs. Berkeley's record commands loyalty and the timing of the share issue shows that a clever investor has not lost its ability for opportunistic timing, but that is no reason for new investors to climb aboard.

First Leisure

SO SOMBRE was the nation's mood after the death of Princess Diana that holidaymakers decided to forgo the pleasures of Blackpool. At any rate, that is First Leisure's excuse for poor trading in its core operations in September. Given that September is the time when thousands normally flock to see the famous Blackpool illuminations, one suspects more fundamental trouble than a state funeral. Another factor mooted by the com-pany was building society windfalls: instead of com-

mandeering a charabanc, punters have been using their windfalls to fly abroad. Behind all the excuses lies the real worry faced by Michael Grade: bingo which has yet to regain the

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imports a problem. In this market printers play to local goods within hours. St Ives is a multinational company with operations in Germany and France but avoids the currency risk of importing Operating on a bring-your-

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the pulp market. And by commanding at least 20 per cent of its chosen markets, it enjoys long-running deals with big-spending publishers who are unlikely to disap-

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That said, St Ives is a cautious company and the shares are unlikely to rocket. But for a sold defensive stock in a quickly recovering sec-tor, the shares look good value at 532 2 p.

Conrad Ritblat

MAYFAIR surveyors are sweating under the weight of their expensive lease obliga-Conrad Ritblat's decision to become a landlord as well as an adviser to other landlords. At least CR has avoided the embarrassment, experienced by Chesterton and a host of others, of failing to manage property costs. With fingers in both pies, CR does lay itself wide open to accusations of conflict of interest. Neverfees; if CR's clients don't like taking advice from a potential competitor, there is no shortage of alternative surveyors. Last year. CR's consultancy fees grew from £18 million to £25 million.

The merger with Speciality Shops points CR more directly towards investment and with a near £200 million portfolio, provides the economies of scale that generate cost advantages for property investors. The deal looks better for CR than for Speciality Shops, which is giving up control of its properties at a discount to their net asset value. If the pace of growth con-Milner Group will feel more pressure to demerge its surveying activities. The com-pany is better off selling when the market is hot than waiting for a downturn when its battery of agents are sit-ting on their hands. For the time being, Milner Group investors look well-placed.

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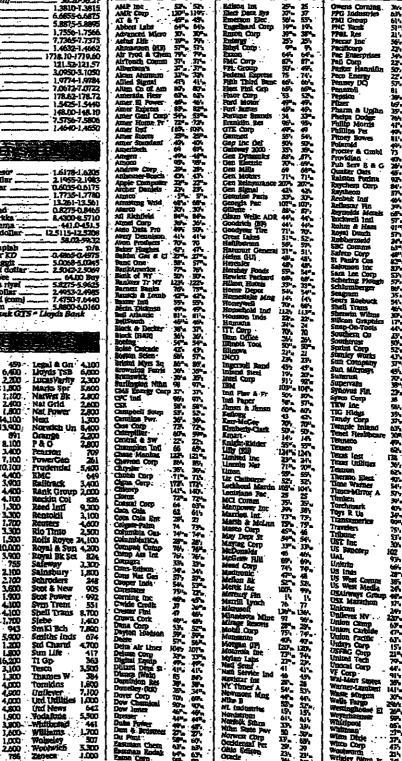
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aunity knock ome 14 months before the probable start of European economic and monetant economic and monetary union, the British Government is leading a serious, open, honest and clear-thinking national debate on the subject ... through innuendo, leak and denial in the pages of the national press. Robin Cook told the Labour Party conference that Labour's priorities for Britain's presidency of the European Union "arise from the concerns of the people, not the preoccupations of the politicians". And yet all the emphasis seems to be on guessed-at differences of op-mion between different powerbases within Government and on reading between the lines of various comments from various officials to discern whether we, as a nation, should/will join the single currency in 1999, shortly thereafter, in 2001, 2002 or

beyond. British businessmen and women hoped, at least, that the incoming Labour Government would not be rendered catatonic

The time to claim EMU-nity is over

of the real issues under the Conservative administration. And yet press speculation has already Surfaced - and yesterday fiercely denied - that there is a rift on Europe between the Prime Minister and his Chancellor.

Many businessfolk hoped that Labour would be more Europefriendly and so it appears to be. Or not. Who knows? All the current to ings and fro ings may well be a chimera, got up by an over-feverish press and totally unjusti-fied by any actual debate or rumoured change of heart on EMU within the Government.

Whatever is or isn't going on, business is confused. One suspects that many of the people who run British companies are less con-cerned about whether their Government takes them into a single currency or not than they are by a

uncertainty. Wise counsel suggests that they should ignore the British dimension of the debate and start preparing themselves for the advent of the euro whether Britain is "in" or "out".

This is easier said than done in the case of, for example, a British high street bank which has to adapt all its procedures for the new currency from payment and settlement systems to its hole-inthe-wall machines. It makes a huge difference to its planning whether the euro is to be a foreign currency, a domestic currency or itaneously and on what timescale. Millions could be thrown down the drain if planning is too pre-emptive, too late or of the wrong kind.

Despite the uncertainties, banks and others need to start taking the euro seriously, at least enough to analyse the implications for their



Price Waterhouse. which is sponsoring a big confer-London this week, reports an alarming lack of knowledge and even interest in preparing for treasurers recently found that management structures are not in place to look at the implications.

mum changes needed to operational nuts and bolts, such as I'll systems, and have not got round to considering the broader strategie implications for their business-es. Price Waterhouse's Nick Crosby has coined the phrase EMU-nity for the widespread perception among sceptical British companies that EMU will not materially affect them.

There is a perfectly rational argument that the real catalysts for change in Europe's corporate and economic landscape are the single market and increasing global competition and they will be on the scene with or without a single currency. But where this argument has limits is that EMU is *already* having a profound corporate Europe because European companies believe that it is an important

ers announced this week. One can argue about whether broadening one's geographic spread through big mergers is necessary in a supposedly single market. One might express scepticism about the pursuit of sheer size unless these mergers allow scope for deep cost-cutting (ic. job shedding). One might have doubts about

whether many European com-

panies will feel that the climate is

right for wrenching structural change of this kind — despite the

fact that this is what EMU is

supposed to force so usefully upon

European business — while host bout mass unemployment One can argue about whether EMU will bring greater price competition and an assault on margins and how to cope. One could even argue that British companies, brutally restructured under Thatcherism and happy denizens of a zone of flexible labour markets, are already well poised to take advantage of fierce price competition in the EMUzone, in or out.

All these aspects ought to be analysed, whatever the continuing ambiguities (or not) of British policy. Until now, there has been such a hazy sense of unreality about the whole project, particularly in Britain, that managerial Euro-scle-

Touch of capitalism helps to stem revolutionary Cuba's decline

The one firm achievement of the regime is up for sale,

says Alasdair Murray

he Guèvera, communism's last icon, has finally returned to his revolutionary home. Thirty years after he was shot in Bolivia, he is due to be buried in the central Cuban town of Santa Clara on Friday. The belated return of his body has been accompanied with great pomp and ceremony as Cuba tries desperately to remind its citizens of the virtues of its revolution.

Che still defines the official image Cuba wishes to convey to the world - the tiny island state striving to keep the com-munist faith in the face of overwhelming hostility from America. But in the tourist shoos. Che has taken on a different identity, more capital-ist chic than socialist realism. The face that once inspired armchair revolutionaries across the world now adorns tshirts, basebail caps, berets and even CDs - each available for a few US dollars. In the post-communist world. Caba is learning that even its heros

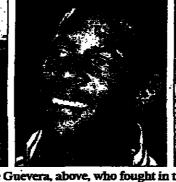
Cuba was marooned by the collapse of the Eastern bloc after 1989. Its strategic importance to the Soviet Union had... ensured a favourable trading relationship. But deprived of its main trading partners, the economy collapsed, a position made desperate by the continuing US economic embargo.

Fidel Castro had no choice but to introduce emergency economic reforms. Small private enterprises were legalised and the country opened up for foreign investment. To curb the plack market the US dollar was egalised, resulting in a dualcurrency economy.

Most of the Cuban economy remains under state control. but the reform programme has worked sufficiently well to stem the country's decline. In 1996 growth soared to 7.8 per cent and while a poor sugar crop is expected to halve the growth rate this year, the economic









The Cuba of President Castro, right, is proud of Che Guevera, above, who fought in the country's revolution, its world-famous cigars, and its top athletes, including Javier Sotomayor, the world high-jump champion

prospects are viewed as promising enough to attract the attention of a growing number of European and Canadian businesses. Cuba is a compact market of 11 million people that also has the potential to become a low-cost base for exports to the rest of the Caribbean region. In theory, Cuba should now

be enjoying the same kind of investment rush that has followed economic reforms in other communist countries such as China and Vietnam. But US insistence that Cuba remain a pariah country contimues to scare off many potential investors. Even major companies with operations in Cuba are sensitive about their position, worried that publicity could create problems in America. BAT Industries re-

billion of American assets, which include buildings formerly owned by companies such as Coca-Cola and Colgate Palmolive seized after the revolution. Only one company. Sherritt, the Canadian mining group that includes Sir Patrick turned to Cuba in 1995 after an absence of 35 years, setting a Sheehy, the former BAT chief executive, on its board, has so small joint cigarette venture. However, it still refuses to far been directly implicated provide any details. under the Act. But the Helms-US businesses and individ-

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uals are still prevented from big row between the US and travelling to Cuba and Cuban the EU that has yet to be fully products such as cigars are resolved. In some sectors such banned in the US — creating a as sugar and telecommunications, it has made legal invest-ment all but impossible as the thriving black market for Cuba's most famous export in fashionable New York bars. industries were almost entirely American owned before the But at the root of the problem for foreign investors is the revolution. Even when companies are Helms-Burton act, signed into

investing within the terms of the American law, US competitors have still

used Helms-Burton as an excuse make a fuss. Unilever recently estab-

lished a joint venture to make toiletries in Cuba. Although Unilever's factory base in the country was built after the revolution. Procter & Gamble highlighted the fact that its Cuban partner still uses one of its former factories for other activities. Unilever claims the issue has now been resolved. but it remains reluctant to talk too much about Cuba. Not

the Helms-Burton Act has proved a major disincentive to trade with Cuba. Peter Scott, chief executive of UK-based Beta Funds, which manages the first dedicated investment fund in Cuba, says: "The Act was intended to make trade more difficult, but, in fact, it has clarified the situation." Mr Scott is convinced that

Cuba has real long-term potential and the impact of Helms-Burton will simply be to allow the bolder non-US firms to steal a lead on American businesses before the embargo comes to an end. There will be great rewards when the Americans finally return," he says.

Post-isolation Cuba has investment opportunities that stretch far beyond its traditional staples of sugar, rum and cigars. The sugar crop still covers a third of Cuba's land mass, but its contribution to foreign earnings has been cut from around 50 per cent of the

reducing its reliance on sugar in favour of other hard-currency earners such as tourism. There were 300,000 visitors in 1990, while 1.2 million are forecast for this year. Earnings from tourism have risen sixfold over the same period to \$1.8 billion. Big operators such as Club Med are returning and foreign investment is helping to restore the country's many imposing hotels. Build-

ing work is proceeding at such pace at Varadero, which attracts a third of all visitors to Cuba, that the resort is beginning to resemble a more refined version of the Costa Del Sol. Ironically, the development of Varadero may be hampered

by the fact that the town sits on one of Cuba's other natural assets, oil and gas reserves. Some views from the town have been ruined by the huge gas platform out in the bay, but the best finds are believed to lie immediately under the town. While much of the oil found across Cuba has so far been of too poor quality to use for petrol, Premier, the UK exploration company, is investing heavily in the belief that there could be a billion barrel oil field under the

Forty years of communism has inevitably created quirks in the Cuban economy. Basic food and fuel supplies remain a problem, but the country has a highly developed bio-technology industry that is attracting strong interest from overeas investment. York Bungey, Medical, a Canadian listed biotech company, is in the process of commercialising Saatchi Cuban products. Beta Gran Caribe, the Cuban investment fund managed by Beta, has taken a stake in York and is also establishing its own biotech company, Bioagnosis, to sell Cuban bio-tech licences

Mr Scott says: "Fidel is a bit of a technical buff." "He was very excited by the advent of biotech and sent Cuban scientists abroad to learn the technology and poured in huge resources to develop the sector." The result is that Cuba has an impressive health record with lower infant mortality rates and higher life expectancy than the US. But Venezuela, Cothe communist regime's one firm. achievement is now up for sale. Che would be unlikely to approve.

sub-editor is training at the Mirror's

This educational establishment is

teaching hacks at Mirror papers to

be "multiskilled" - a concept that

means that journalists not only write

the stories, but also correct the copy,

lay it out, take the pictures, print the

paper and drive the delivery vans.

Monty has signed up for this week's

course, along with staff from The In-

dependent, who are looking forward

to quizzing the Ulsterman during tea

breaks about rumours that the Mir-

ror wants to sell its 46 per cent stake

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lumbia, Chile and the Argentina. The company already has an agency in Peru. If the plans for Latin America work out then, according to Mr Bungey. Bates would cover 90 per cent of

the population of the continent. A similar expansion is likely for eastern and central Europe. A deal is likely to be considered to transfer Saatachi & Saatchi interests in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, but affiliate negotiations are planned for agencies in Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey. "We are now looking to put

rosis has been understandable, if short-sighted. But now that corporate Europe is on the move, there is something concrete for management strategists to get their teeth into. In a regional economy increas-ingly dominated by multinationals and their dense supplier networks, the euro is coming down supply chains, nearer and nearer to headquarters. Ever larger competitors are even now being created on the Continent. British companies have to think seriously about whether and how to respond. As Gordon Brown has said, the euro has fundamental implications whether

Expansion the key for turning Bates into a global player

Michael Bungey tells Raymond Snoddy about his plans for the advertising agency

term basis to capture more

revenue," says Mr Bungey, who

argues that his team has been tempered by "the troubles", as

they call the row and eventual

departure of Charles and Mau-

rice, now Lord Saatchi, from the original Saatchi & Saatchi.

Bates took the biggest hit, the

loss of the Mars account, al-

though within a year \$500

million of new businesses had

This year the balance of

business gained over business

lost has been positive. The losses. Mr Bungey says, have

totalled about \$150 million

(£92.4 million) and included

Compaq in Europe and Texaco

in the US. By the end of August

about \$350 million worth of

new business had been won,

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complete.

Michael Bungey, at present chief executive of Cordiant Communications Group, who will take control of Bates Worldexpected to be finalised by mid-December, is planning to turn the agency into a truly global player, while looking at pos-

sible acquisitions in the US. "A wall of fire has been built up within the company. Everyone wants to get going," says Mr Bungey, talking about his future plans for the first time.

The first big step would be to use a mixture of cash and shares to take over affiliate agencies in various parts of the world to extend the wholly owned Bates range.

"We intend to expand the geography of our brands. We planned agency planned agency planned agency planned be supported by

the world and we are already in discussions with a number of them, currently with our agency in In-dia," says Mr with all the executive directors of Bates and Saatchi, the other half of the demerged Cordiant, could be-

come multitough perforare met over the next three years. Bates is hoping to create new wholly owned agencies in no less than six Latin American countries -Brazil, Mexico.

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will turn an investment of targets are met. For other middle ranking managers an investment of £50,000 could turn into £800,000.

American investors particularly like the incentive scheme. "In fact, a lot of US analysts couldn't conceive of investing in a people business where management is not incentivised," says Mr Bungey, who promises that at the end of the three years a new incentive scheme will be introduce - though possibly different from the present one.

Pig of a job

OF ALL the tasks presented to Tony Supperstone in his long and illustrious career as an insolvency partner. at BDO Stoy Hayward, nothing can ruite compare to being asked to sell a Romanian pig farm. The appointment came his way as a result of the dire financial crisis in the former Warsaw Pact country, which has led to the World Bank calling in a flock of British liquidators to flog off any-

Supperstone reckons he pulled the



"It reinforces our strategy of six arriving at the same time"

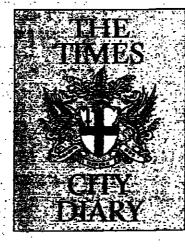
thing wrong with the farm. It had 40,000 pigs, most of which have now been sold to local farmers, 125 bectares of land and a slaughterhouse. But it does happen to be four hours away from Bucharest. "Romanian cars are uncomfortable at the best of times, and the roads are worse," he tells me. "We always kept being held up by herds of cattle." After a week on the farm.

Supperstone could not believe his luck when he returned to BDO's London offices. The partners' lunch that day was roast pork.

• The mystery of why Nigel Stapleton should have thrived at Reed Elsevier when Sir Peter Davis fell foul of the Amsterdam set deepens. Because I hear that the Labour-leaning knight is as Anglo-Dutch as the company that discarded him. His mother is from Holland.

Bummer

RELIEF in Halifax after the former building society was cleared of malfeasance by the Advertising Standards Authority over its adverts, earlier this year, attempting to persuade members to approve the plan to convert into a bank. One poster



featured a crowd at a rock festival at Stonehenge in the 1970s, with a speech bubble coming from the crowd saying: "Be part of something big, man." A Gloucestershire man wrote to the ASA claiming he was the person featured underneath the speech bubble and no-one from the Halifax had asked his permission to use his picture and, anyway, he was committed to mutuality. A worldweary ASA said that it was an old picture and a cartoon speech bubble so he should get with the joke, man.

Psion sign-off

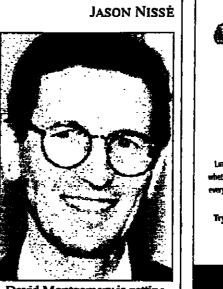
SO GOODBYE then, Peter Norman, the managing director of Psion UK. the operation which attempts to dis-

tribute the group's hand-held computers to anxious customers. He resigned by mutual consent from the group yesterday without a payoff. A spokesman tells me that Norman's operation was not performing to the vels that had been wanted. But Norman's operation was not the one responsible for the production problems that have meant that highpowered executives have been rushing into branches of Dixons brandishing their gold cards in the hope of buying Psion Series 5 com-puters, only to be told that the gizmos were not available. With David Potter. Psion's founder, firing on all cylinders in his attempts to revive the firm's standing in the City, the speculation among the hand-held tekkies is that more heads will roll.

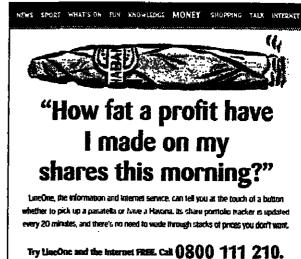
● NOT satisfied with irritating BT, WorldCom has set about getting up the nose of Yorkshire folk. In its 1996 annual report the Mississippi-based party pooper boasts a global network of telecom hubs including an Internet server for its UUNet business based in a city it calls "Leads".

Full Monty

THE executive floor of the Mirror Group offices in Canary Wharf is strangely quiet this week as David Montgomery, the chief executive, has decided to go back to his roots. No, he has not returned to the mean streets of Belfast. The former Daily Mirror



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Nick Edwards introduces a five-page report on purchasing cards — a revolution in the way companies buy low-value items

paperwork and saving time. Purchasing cards also have the potential to change wider purchas-

ing and supply strategies. For instance, the 1990s has seen a drive

towards cutting the number of approved suppliers on an organ-

much as two thirds, so as to focus

management efforts and cut pro-

cessing costs. Developments in

electronic commerce, including card technology, could reverse this

Kim Godwin, operations director of VideoLogic and the new presi-dent of the Chartered Institute of

Purchasing and Supply, says: "When you combine the Internet

with purchasing cards, it is dyna-

mite. People are only beginning to

cotton on to their potential impact

on strategies like supplier rationalisation. Suddenly it be-

bout 80 per cent of any organisation's purchase orders account for less than 20 per cent of its total spend. The average cost of processing these thousands of transactions - anything between £20 and £60 each - is often more than their individual face value.

The result is a huge administrative bill and busy purchasing staff shuffling paper rather than concentraing on high-value contracts with key suppliers. An increasing number of managers are turning to purchasing cards as a solution.

The cards work in a similar way

to consumer charge cards in that the administrative burden is shouldered by the issuing bank. Take the example of a construction company where site foremen will be making hundreds of small purchases each month for tools and materials. By giving each foreman a card, the paper mountain of invoices is

replaced by one consolidated bill. At the same time, the purchasing department can manage spending by putting a few simple controls on e cards, such as a monthly spending limit and restricting use to certain categories. The results can be dramatic: British Aerospace Military Aircraft is saving £500,000 a year with its American Express purchasing cards.

The cards were first used on a large scale by the United States Government in the late 1980s before being taken up by major corporates such as PepsiCo and Hewlett-Packard. They were intro-

Plastic cuts the cost and prunes the paperwork

duced into the UK about three Delta Purchasing consultancy, years ago.

Delta Purchasing consultancy, says: "The market is still fluid. The

American Express and Visa are the two major players, but custom-er numbers have only recently begun to take off. Visa claims the market is doubling every three months. About 800 companies now use the cards, most of them with turnovers in excess of £100 million. Big name users include Warner-Lambert, Nuclear Electric, Rank Xerox and the London Stock Exchange.
The basic way the different cards

are used does not really vary. The only variation is the levels of management information provided and how fees are charged to the customer. The latter may include a El charge on each transaction, a monthly management fee or a percentage of the value of total

Will Parsons, director of the

banks are trying different customers. In the past lower interest rates meant the banks could just about cover their costs from supplier fees and user companies could normally avoid any charges. I'm afraid those days are gone."

The developing market and in-creasing confidence of established users is changing the way cards are being used. For instance, Stefan Foryszewski, the consultant for Visa, claims that many companies are increasing the maximum transaction value on their cards from £250 to up to £5,000.

The other major development was the VAT agreement Visa re-cently signed with HM Customs. and Excise. Customs will now accept the information provided by VAT reclaim purposes, thus cutting comes much simpler and quicker to

Despite the increasing popularity of purchasing cards, many managers are still wary. The chief concern is that, despite transaction limits and the management infor-mation provided by issuing banks, the purchasing department will lose control of spending.

search, source and pay from a much wider supply base."

Gary Cheesman, general manager of purchasing at BICC Cables, says: "They are not a system of delegation in their own right, and don't have the right degree of management control. The amount of information that is fed back to you is not enough to support delegated purchasing - I'm sure it is OK on day one, but when you come back in five years and try to make sense of what you had done

you may have problems." The issue of late payment is important in the success of this technology. Companies are coming under increasing pressure from the Government to alleviate the often crippling effects that payment waiting times in excess of 60 days can have on suppliers, particularly small ones. Visa's Mr Foryszewski says: "A number of corporates have indicated that they have great difficulty in paying on time, not because they do not wish to but because their existing systems are just too cumbersome.

In contrast: purchasing cards can guarantee payment in as little as three days. ■ The author is deputy editor of Supply

ON THURSDAY next week the Government's heads of purchasing responsible for spending some £60 billion a year, will announce the launch of a pur-chasing card system. Either Visa or Amex will have won some

very big business. As purchasing cards we developed originally for the US Government, their adoption in Britain is a logical step. There have already been trials at the Department of Social Security. local councils and universities, NHS trusts and even the Veteri-

nary Laboratories Association. Next week's move will ensure that government departments will develop the use of the cards as part of a drive to improve purchasing which began with the high-profile Setting New Standards procurement White Paper in 1995. That gained further impetus with the arrival this year of former BT procurement director Brian Rigby as director of the Treasury's crossgovernmental Procurement Practice and Development advisory group. "Purchasing cards are something we need," he says. "The reason is simple. It is costing the Government something like £70 to process each invoice and purchasing cards could save £40."

In June the National Audit Office said the cards could help to cut administrative effort by up to a quarter in the Ministry of Defence's £600 million a year spend on routine items. For locally purchased goods the average value was £51, while the process cost was £74. The worst example the NAO came across was a 98p brass padlock which cost 75 times its value to purchase.

The Audit Commission's

Goods For Your Health report last November said that process costs in NHS trusts for one in four of all purchases were more than the value of the product. Twenty-four trusts are taking part in purchasing card trials. At the Department of Social Security a six-month trial began last year but no system has yet been implemented. Although cards reduced transaction costs by a fifth, the benefits were reduced because the purchasing processes were sometimes poor. The real opportunity comes when you can re-engineer the process and use purchasing cards as part of that," said a project team member.

The problem for the public sector will be to square lower process costs with the need to emonstrate propriety.

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attractive to businesses than this: we will cut your VAT paperwork Now American Express and Visa have iven that pledge with their purchasing cards, and the system could spread throughout the Euro-

Winning approval from Customs and Excise does not come easy. Amex took six months to convince the VAT authorities that its card was safe, reliable and accurate and would provide sufficient information. Visa has taken a year to win approval for its card.

Amex led the way when it launched its corporate purchasing card in the UK in 1995. Blue-chip companies using the card include British Aerospace, Conoco and Warner Lambert, With VAT paper-work reduced, it is claimed that administration and overhead costs can be cut by 50 to 70 per cent. It has spread the types of purchases-that can be made, and the list now includes engineering and electrical supplies, freight, couriers, printing and design, stationery, office sup-

Anglian Water, which uses a Visa purchasing card, says: "We consolidate thousands of VAT invoices each month. The use of proof of VAT purchases will dramarically reduce our workload."

David Knowles, head of Ameri-

After a long wait, Visa printouts can now be used to reclaim VAT. Rodney

Hobson looks at the breakthrough

years we have established a comthan 600 suppliers in the UK. We were the first to offer full Customs and Excise approval for reclaiming VAT, which is essential in the battle to eliminate costly paperwork, and our line item detail on statements ensures comprehensive manage-

So, given that Customs and Excise had already approved one card, why has it taken until July this year for Visa to persuade the authorities that its systems can produce VAT information as reliabiy as a paper invoice? Indeed, as long ago as last October approval

That delay has certainly slowed down the use of Visa cards, since many purchasing managers have been reluctant to adopt them without the bonus of being VAT

Visa's Stefan Foryszewski says: "We have taken a little longer because Visa developed a different so we wanted to have as many suppliers as possible accepting it. We wanted suppliers with less sophisticated systems to be able to

participate.
"We developed a two-tier solution that could deliver full data but which also enabled smaller suppliers with systems producing less information to join in."

The dual system allows suppliers to choose between providing a copy similar to a paper invoice or a summary including VAT number, a commodity code, the VAT rate and the amount charged.

The simpler system is suitable for small suppliers with relatively few customers, while those dealing in large volumes can opt for a sophisticated sales ledger system. Stuart Fisher, head of Barclays purchasing card division, says another reason why trials took so long is that several card issuers were involved. High street banks such as NatWest, Midland and Lloyds TSB took part in the trials and have subsquently issued VATcompliant Visa purchasing cards.

ed a large number of suppliers, Vice customers and banks. There were so many involved that it was difficult to get everybody in line. If it had been just Barclays, I am sure we would have got approval in six months, but because so many banks were involved and we were using an open system, it was

difficult tying it all together.

"Establishing a system that suits everyone was important, though, because as the number of electronic terminals and data systems grows,

Mr Foryszewski says that delay in gaining approval did not reflect a lack of enthusiasm on the part of Customs and Excise. "It was keen audit process far simpler. They will not have to review so many pieces of paper to obtain evidence of VAT ims. A single document from the bank will match what is coming from the suppliers."

The next move is into Europe Amex has just launched its corporate purchasing card in France, Germany and Sweden. The European operations centre is in the UK. with support from local teams on

Mr Knowles says: "Our multina system, and the time is ripe for us to



Corporate card purchases now include freight and couriers, printing, stationery and computers

Giving power to the people on the ground



Companies can easily monitor spending through cards

ne of the biggest myths about purchasing cards is that they will cause companies to lose control of their spending.
But the whole reasoning

behind purchasing cards is that buying departments should rid themselves of the burdens of chasing paper connected with high volumes

This change has to mean that non-purchasing staff take on responsibility for buying items they need in their every-day jobs. It also means that companies must trust their staff and implement, their purchasing card programmes with thorough communicaguidelines.

Purchasing cards actually involve a culture change for the company. If it believes that people are not to be trusted and will exploit it at every opportunity, then the company will too often put in too many controls

cards will not work," says: cards involve Adam Hubbarde. a change in a senior purchasng manager of Nortel's Enter firm's culture

prise Newtorks Europe. This has not been a problem for Nortel. where Hubbarde led the ina troduction of purchasing cards in 1993 and is currently looking at how card use can

be spread out across Europe.

The clear opinion of many purchasers is that the control issue is a perceived problem and that companies actually get better visibility of spending through purchasing cards than through existing

If a company has concerns. there are a couple of simple ways to gauge the level of controls already in place. How many invoices does it process which do not have an associated purchase order attached to them, and how many invoices does it receive which mismatch first time? Invoice mismatching is

widespread and it is not uncommon for 30 to 50 per cent of low-value invoices to require rework, while the number of invoices processed without an associated pur-chase order varies dramatically from company to company.

inherent checks in purchasing cards are enough. These in-clude individual and monthly spending limits, the ability to block certain supply sectors and the monthly breakdown by banks of how much each cardholder is spending and

Individual spending limits put a ceiling on the value of what can be bought at any one time, while the monthly limit blocks card use when those individual transactions reach a certain level.

These limits are up to each company using purchasing cards, but typically they start out with transaction limits of around £250, rising quickly to £500 and hitting £1,000 after programmes have been in place for several months. But

One company even allowed a one-off purchase for a direct mail in a £30,000 transaction. between £1,000 and £5,000. A useful feature

is the ability to block certain supply groups in a not be used to buy coods from companies in particular -- Standard

fication codes. But this is not always as helpful as it first appears. The code groupings can be too general and if used can block out a company make a valid purchase. Some companies may block out example, that could mean building workers being un-

ed bag of cement from B&Q. We have an approved supplier list and people have to justify their actions if they buy. from somewhere else," says Alan Barclay, purchasing manager for London Electricity. "If there is a genuine need to go elsewhere, who are we to say who they should use?"

A popular example from another company is someone who was quizzed about an item bought from Toys R Us. The item turned out to be a toner cartridge, bought from the toy store because it was the cheapest option. Although industry codes can be blocked. individual suppliers can not.

ALEXIS NOLAN



Tony Dawe on a system that puts companies in charge of their own destinies by showing exactly what has been spent and by whom

How much data does a manager really need?

he great debate about purchasing cards is whetight financial controls. Purchasing managers can decide who should have the cards and set credit limits. but many fear control of the cards will be much looser than the computerised purchasing systems. installed at great expense.

The organisations issuing the cards insist, however, that the management reports they send out every month provide more than agers exactly how their budget is being spent and by whom.

David Knowles, UK head of purchasing cards for American Express. says: "Companies find it is only when they investigate the purchasing process that they see the improvements that can be made. Those that implement our system can see electronically exactly who has spent what and where: current paper-based purchasing systems don't allow this."

The Amex management report begins by listing each cardholder and the amount spent with which MANAGEMENT REPORTING

supplier. The report lists every group of items purchased: "Five ink pads, E11.35; three presentation binders, £21.24; one dictionary.

"We took this line item detail approach from the start because the information is useful for the user and the company and gives them a comfort factor." says Mary Gelder, Amex marketing manager for corporate purchasing cards.

The report then offers information on each supplier, providing the address and VAT number and listing all the items purchased from the company by all cardholders. This can be particularly useful for means they can negotiate bulk discounts if they find some suppli-ers are providing lots of small items to several departments.

The report can also group purthat managers can see how much has been spent, for example, on catering, travel, office and mechan-

"Customers are also provided with a flexible management tool. which they can use to integrate the data," adds Mr Knowles. "While purchasing managers will not necessarily trawl through the data every month, they have a mine of

information for analysis." Severn Trent Water has evolved its own computer software to administer its Barclaycard purchasing cards. "We take the management data over the Internet. download it and configure it so it merges with information on our existing data base to give us an overall view of everything we are spending," says Martyn Mellors. payment processing manager.

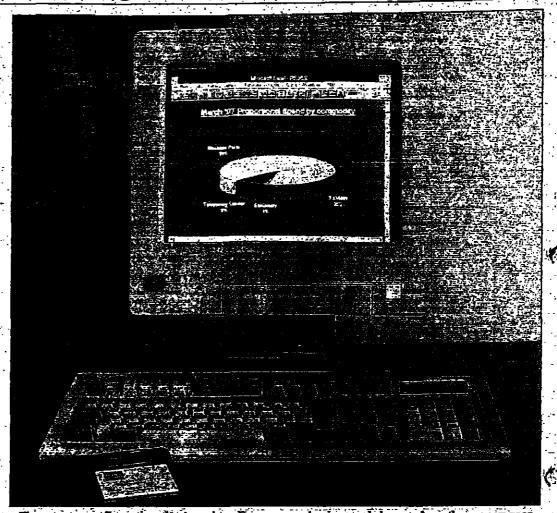
The software allows us to turn the information inside out. It helps us target suppliers with whom we should be renegonating and pro-files cardholders with high, medi-

Ian Wollam, purchasing director at Tarmac Civil Engineering, adds: "We get much more detail from NatWest about purchasing card

"We are also finding that an increasing number of national suppliers are prepared to use the card to trade with us. They see the advantages of allowing the bank to handle transaction costs."

Will Parsons, director of Delta Purchasing, a specialist consultanand about inexperienced card-holders going wild. They face a conflict between simplifying the purchasing process and letting go of the controls. So they ask for lots and lots of information they don't value and low risk."

He adds that the merchant category groupings in manage-ment reports can also be flawed. "If an engineer with a purchasing card goes round to B&Q or Homebase to might end up being listed under



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the issuing banks have traditionally aimed their product at major corporate

the existing systems and controls tend to be hence the greater effect cards will have. "Realistically, organisations with under £20 to : £30 million turnover need.

of purchasing departments' Company Bardaycard for Supply Management million. Although it has magazine found that two only about 200 "frontline"

thirds of £100 million-plus companies thought they spent too much time on lowvalue orders,

compared with an overall figure of 25 per cent. Part of the awareness issue lies in the says the need for streamlin-

fact that larger companies tend to have senior purchasing managers with ex- last year, 17,500 were for perience of wider business strategies and the influence to change company-wide. Over and above greater recognition, it can be argued that larger companies

are better placed to intropurchasing cards. First, they have the purchasing muscle to force smaller supplies to invest in the necessary technology. Second, they tend to have much greater internal resources for training card users, often a much underestimated concern. Third. they see the obvious potential of downsizing savings — a 20-person buying department might be cut in balf by a large-scale card

However, Will Parsons, director of Delta Purchas-

once the cards are in place, wski a 'i don't see company size partially offset by the fact

though it is taking longer

ders from national retailers - many of which already accept purchasing cards. One smaller organisation introduced purchasing

Borst construction group with a turnover of £45 workers, 150 NatWest cards -A 20-person are currently in use with an ex-

department pected total transaction valmight be cut in half

ue of about LI million a year. Group purager Ian Carr ing low value orders was clear: of 20,000 purchases The considerable time Mr Carr has put into training internal users and sell-

ing the concept to suppliers is now paying off. Average low-value transaction costs have been cut from £25 to less than £4. He has also cut the purchasing department in half over the past 12 months while improving overall performance. "We are becoming a pro-

active purchasing department. I'm using the cards to create time so that we can concentrate on the larger capital spends. I don't want buyers spending time buying nails when they are an off-the-shelf item. The people who use them should be buying them."

NICK EDWARDS



Big companies can cut time wasted on small orders

Rodney Hobson looks at how cards can help to combat invoice fraud

fraudsters fight a relentless battle over the misuse of personal credit cards, issue of security looks as if must be a double worry when it comes to company purchasing cards. Not only can they be stolen, but they are also open to abuse by the employ-ees who are entrusted with them.

Yet the banks who supply the cards and the companies that use them claim that of all forms of

plastic money, company cards are the least prone to crime. Paul Owen is chairman of the

purchasing card committee of the Low Value Order Group, an organisation of companies that monitors the buying of low-cost items. He sees the issue from the sharp end.

"We are satisfied that a lot of features in the card regarding security are OK," he says. "Using them is no different to the way that a credit card would be used over the telephone. It is an area that we have bated and some companies are concerned over the possible fraudulent use of the purchasing cards.

Those taking a more enlight-

ened view are empowering employees to use the cards but spelling out that it is a serious offence if the card is misused. If it is lost it has got to be reported straight away." Stefan Foryszewski, at Visa, says:

The experience of purchasing cards in the United Kingdom and in the United States is that the level of fraud is the lowest of any card

"The issue and use of purchasing cards appears to be very carefully

Keeping a firm finger on crime

potential users," he says, "but once

they have got programmes up and

running, security gets relegated to

almost not being an issue. Com-

panies have controls to keep an eye

on the use of the cards and even if they don't auditors certainly do.

cards are stolen because they tend

not to be carried around. Orders

and account numbers tend to be

use of purchasing cards can be

restricted are putting a spending limit on a card and specifying what

types of merchandise can be bought

Mr Foryszewski says: "What a cardholder is allowed to use the card for may reflect his or her responsibilities and authority in

management. There can be a limit

quoted over the telephone." Two specific ways in which the

"Only a very small percentage of

controlled by the firms and the card users. Employees who are trusted with the cards often have responsible jobs and are at a sufficiently high level to have loyalty to their employers. : -

Employees could start spending money they are not supposed to, but on the whole it has not happened it is usually made clear them that if they are caught misusing the card they are liable to dismissal or at least they will have their card withdrawn:

"Companies tend to be very restrictive in who they issue cards to and they make sure that they go to the right people in the

Stuart Fisher, purchasing card head at Barclaycard, agrees. "Initially, security against misuse and theft are high on the agenda with

purchasing department is allowed up to £5,000. There can also be a monthly spending limit of, say £2,000 for the fitter and £50,000 for the purchasing department. The company might want to ban spending on hotels, airlines, restau-

on every single transaction. A maintenance fitter may be allowed £100 or £200 while someone in the

rants or car hire. These can be blocked. There is a greater control on the purchasing card over and above that for other types of card."

Visa cites the example of a company that found its purchasing card was being used at an Audi garage. This seemed odd to the managers because the company had no Audis.

In fact, the purchasing card had uncovered a traud that had been going on for ten years. The employee had been running a private business and buying parts with his employer's money.

r Fisher points out that whatever purchasing system a can be fraud. He points out that even with a paper system orders are often made over the phone. goods are delivered and the paperwork comes later, giving more scope for abuse. If, despite all the assurances,

companies are still worried about security, they can buy peace of mind. Banks issuing Visa purchase cards offer liability waiver insurance against lost cards or misuse of cards by employees.

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Derek Hardy at Arrow: "Offered benefits for both parties."

ARROW Business Systems had less than a month to crack into action after one of its most important customers announced that it wanted to pay for all its stationery by Visa

purchasing card. The Luton-based stationery company had been accepting payment by Visa cards since the late Eighties, but transac-tions involving Visa payment

had been few and far between. "It was almost by accident that we came across the system. Although there was no explicit pressure on us to go down this route, we realised very quickly that what they were proposing offered major benefits for both parties," says Derek Hardy at Arrow. With the help of Barclays Merchant Services, Arrow installed a payment

Mr Hardy believes it "en-hances levels of service to the customer and has enabled us and our customers to reduce administrative costs". Currently the company is dealing with 500 to 600 transactions a month with a value of £30,000.

"You have to be very customer-focused these days," he says.
"It was a route we had to go
down. Card suppliers don't operate the system for nothing, but we can pay. It's a competi-tive business that we are in and it is our job to keep the price down for the customer."

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How BOC set the trend that others follow

the chargecard hall of fame, the name of Trevor Rock is framed in gold. As materials manager at BOC Gases, it was he who first suggested to the company's bankers that they should experiment with purchasing cards, thus setting the trend for Brit-

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ain's large corporations. In the early 1990s a study found that almost two thirds of BOC's requisitions were items costing less than £250 — vehicle spares, sta-tionery, small tools, business-related newspapers and so forth. Together, they represented only 3.3 per cent of total expenditure, but they were clearly very:

task of reducing the cost. £200,000 a year. Time is: changes to the system. He dabbled with three part local purchase orders, pho- enabler tocopied handwritten requisitions, a daily logbook; even verbal orders with no formal purchase order Ev-

Eventually. he approached Company Barclaycard: about purchasing had already become established in America. In August 1991 a steering group met for the first time. On it sat representatives from a BOC branch and from four departments: purchasing,

Cards helped **BOC** to cut costs

Cardholders. requisitioners, branch managers, supervisors and invoice-matchers were trained and issued with booklets detailing the pro-cess. Feedback sessions were arranged. The job of getting the suppliers onside began, with teams from Company Barclaycard doing the explaining and BOC the persuading. And in January 1992 the scheme began at two sites.

are "embedded in the culture of the company says Ted Dwyer, the corrent materials manager, based in Guildford. "There are 460 cardholders in 90 UK locations, ordering goods worth 18 million a year, and we've rolled out the concept to South Africa. America, Atistralia and shortly the North Pacific." For his vision, Mr Rock won the BOC Group Inno BOC's policy has been to

vation Award.

Take garage spares, Mr Dwyer says. The garage foreman will have a procurement card, as we call them. If he wants a part, he rings up his local spare dealer, orders the part on the phone, gives the dealer his card number. and the part will be delivered. At the end of month, a statement goes to his man-ager. He distributes a copy-

it. Then it goes through to be paid. At the moment, there's still some paper work because of VAT. But the new card should overcome that, now that there's an agreement with Cus-toms and Excise.

"When we started, cardholders had a £250 limit. Now confidence has grown and it's between £500 and £1,000. Selected people will have their top limit increased. "The front-end purchas-

ing side has certainly been simplified. The staff feel more responsible — they've been empowered, to use the jargon. Ou transaction costs. (we've: saved: more Mr Rock set himself the than the initial target of obviously saved, plus postage and stationery. Suppliers are paid quicker. It's an

there were fears about spend analysis, lack of management control, poery method threw up reams tential abuse of the system of invoices. and an adverse cashflow

> Dwyer says. The monthly reports from Company Barclaycard separate ordered items into 30 Lack of mantrol has not proved a nrohkm. Negotiations with Company Barclaycard have

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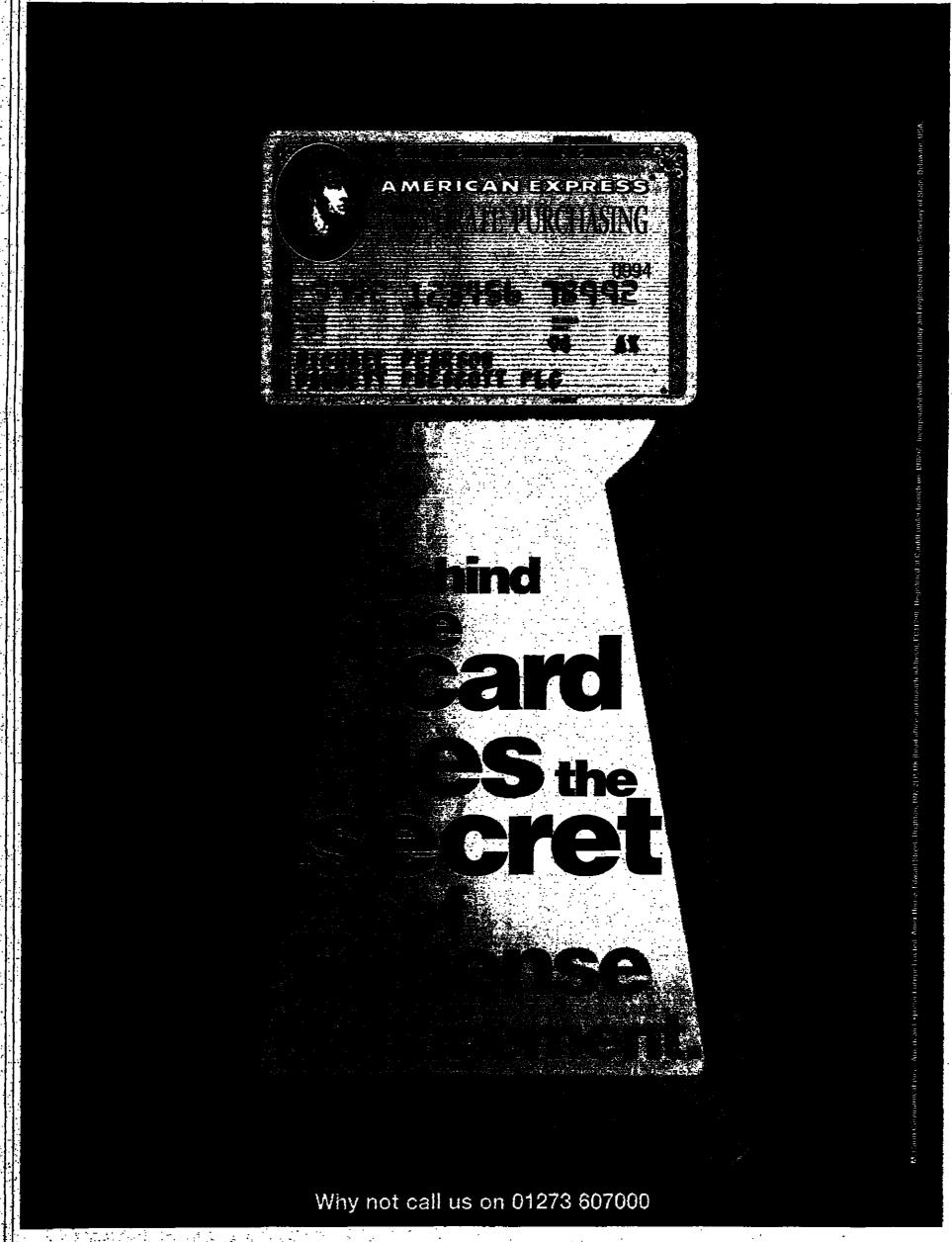
overcome - the cashflow problem. And fraud? Well. lem. nobody has booked a holiday on the card so far," he says.

On the debit side, he concedes that some suppliers are unhappy about paywaiting to see whether other costomers take the card route before signing up. With these suppliers BOC uses alternative methods a monthly order agree representations are done by Five years later the cards EDI telectronic data interchange). Some suppliers submit a disk which is downloaded straight into BOC's general ledger.

> visa number on
> the Internet."
> Mr Dwyer says. "The interfaces weren't there, but when those problems are solved, it will add another dimension to purchasing."

> concentrate on the top 20 per cent of its active suppliers. The shared experience of being pioneers has in itself cemented relationships, Mr Dwyer says.

"I'm sure it will spread. Purchasing cards in industry will become as common as credit cards in the highstreet You wouldn't go out without one, would you?"





Because there is more to Corporate Purchasing than just a means of payment.

Training is the key to success in big companies, says Tony Dawe, while Morag Preston looks at the experiences of three small suppliers

Conquering fear and loathing in the office

craft manufacturer and prominent water company to chicken farmers and suppliers of lorry parts, the purchasing card is becoming part of everyday life.

Cards are now given to fitters and flight engineers, salesmen and roadbuilders, allowing them to order essential low-cost components by telephone or fax without delay and a mountain of

This purchasing revolution has, for the most part, brought moraleboosting responsibility to blue-collar workers on the shopfloor and representatives out on the road. But it has also caused resentment. Some managers fear their power has been undermined by allowing more junior members of staff to place orders, while clerks in accounts and purchasing departments could hardly be expected to welcome an upheaval that will cost many their jobs. Even some cardholders have been concerned at their new responsibilities.

Severn Trent Water, which has handed out 750 Company Barclaytered some difficulties. "Some

SETTING UP

managers insisted that they should have cards because they had always been the keepers of the order book for low-value purchases," Martyn Mellors, payment process-

ing manager, says.

But we decided that it was the people who were doing the busi-ness over the phone with suppliers who needed the cards. At the outset, some of them were worried about the implications of being a cardholder. They didn't appreciate that it was an issue of corporate accountability and not a personal one. They were also worried about being landed with a workload that had always been carried out by the purchasing department."

Most problems were resolved at training sessions, supported by Barclaycard. "When we asked for the cards back at the end of a pilot scheme in 1995, they were not returned willingly." Mr Mellors

The whole process has been driven by the number of low-value transactions in the business. They amount to 3 per cent of our spend but 60 per cent of the volume," he

mies, and purchasing cards was one measure that would help to reduce manpower."

The company has now delegated some £5 million worth of purchasing to local spending officers in departments such as transport, human resources, facilities management and field maintenance. They can use the cards to purchase items costing up to £1,000, plus VAT, and their monthly credit limits range from £2,000 to tens of thousands, depending on what they are doing for the company.

Staff in the training department can use their cards to book courses at hotels and buy textbooks, fitters in the transport department can order spare parts and even the company librarian has a card.

Potential problems caused by the cards were ironed out at British Aerospace's military aircraft division by numerous "awareness sessions" and by leaving managers with some responsibility.

business manager, says.
They realised it would make the Together with our chosen partner, American Express, we took staff through the old process and purchasing process more streamthen explained how the purchasing lined. We have had a good 'buy-in' cards would work and how the from many of our 500 departments. information they provided would

Elaine and David Brown at CVS Gatwick "Cards remove the worry and uncertainty," Elaine says put us more in charge of our own components costing up to £2,000." The company ensured that mangers with budget responsibilities received a card and encouraged them to nominate two or three other cardholders to make pur-

With 800 cardholders now

worked out that our over-

told that if we decrease the

number of transactions we

put through - perhaps

weekly rather than daily - it

The company now re-

ceives authorisation within

minutes, and employees do

not have to spend time

writing out paper vouchers.

"It means we are paid within three or four working days."

Mr Sexton says, "rather than having to wait months."

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"It has improved our cashflow by as much as £15,000 a

wili cost us less."

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draft was costing us more.

spending £1.8 million a month on Amex purchasing cards, the BAe division has become one of the biggest players in the field and expects the use of the cards to spread throughout the company.

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The introduction of the cards in smaller firms such as Sun Valley Poultry, of Hereford, and C Gatwick, a commercial vehicle spares distributor, has proved

equally effective.
We have been delighted with this new system of payment," says Elaine Brown of CVS. It is easy and quick, it ensures we receive payment within a few days of the transaction taking place, it is administratively efficient and it removes the worry and uncertainty of dealing with customers unknown to the company.

At Tarmac Civil Engineering Ian Wollam, purchasing director, admitted that the introduction of NatWest purchasing cards has received "a mixed reception", with resentment among some staff at carrying out the purchasing de-

partment's function.
"We had to train staff, but that was a good thing as everyon. should be aware of the cost of materials," Mr Wollam says. "There is now a greater acceptance that this is the sensible thing to do and that empowering people to use the cards gives them personal control over what we spend."

The company has issued 150 cards so far, with spending limits ranging from £100 for staff with no previous parchasing experience to rs 000 for some managers.

Mr Wollam also identifies one more potential problem. "We recognised that we would be paying the banks sooner than we had paid suppliers. But even then, the system is better because of the savings achieved by cutting paperwork, th improved relationship with the suppliers and the opportunities for making better use of the budget."



MIDLAND Bank provided Kelly Services with a memorable pilot for its purchase card system. The bank, a user of the system and a familiar client of the employment agency, paid for the hiring of temporary

"If we can provide toprate committed staff, an easy ordering system and payment process, then everyone wins all round," says Stephen Segel, financial controller at Kelly Services. "Our clients benefit because they have greater control over expenditure and we do not have to chase our clients' accounts de-

Mr Segel did have his doubts when Kelly Services started a purchasing card ago. "Not as many people were aware of the purchase card payment cycle at that time. But now we are getting a lot more questions from customers, asking

"On the subject of costs the benefits have to be weighed up against financing costs. We felt it was an advantage, so we went for

Glenn Forde at Midland Card Services says: "Kelly Services now sends us an itemised bill rather than lots of individual invoices. This avoids us having to worry about whether we could be paying for the same temp twice."



Neil Sexton: "We are paid within three or four days"

destiny, "Chris Hindle, purchasing

TWEEVE months ago. Neil ousine hire to the delivery of frozen vegetables, was looking for a quicker and more cost-effective way for customers to settle their

With the help of Bardays Merchant Services, a purchase card terminal was installed at Tom's Cars, the family firm in Hereford.

Mr Sexion says: "The majority of our business customers settle their accounts every two months. When one of our customers asked us to accept Visa purchasing cards was sceptical. When someone tells you that you're going to lose about 2 per cent

SHEPITERDUE ES BEILLIANT IDEA

IT WAS a request from Glaxo Wellcome that persuaded Shepherd & Co.to adopt the Visa purchasing system. The outcome is a stronger business relationship between the pharmacentical giant and the Darlington-based company, which supplies fruit

and vegetables to caterers. Shepherd & Co. which bas a £750,000 annual turnover and employs a staff of 13, signed up to accept the Visa purchasing system in 1995. The issuing bank was NatWest. Our decision was principally customer-led," says Kathryn Shepherd, a director. "It helps us to offer a technologically

advanced service to our

us an edge when competing for new business. It's a brilliant idea - why no one came up with it before, I don't know."

But Mrs Shepherd is surprised that the cost of the scheme falls upon "the people who the banks are trying to get to use it".

She says: "I suppose they are trying to cover their costs, but it does seem a bit short-sighted. Not a lot of our customers are interested in using it at the moment, but we hope that will improve. I don't think enough people know about it yet - witen you mention it to firms, they haven't a ciue. But it is the way of the future, and it is a clean way of doing things."

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PDEA of the year **AWARDS**

Real change and sustained improvement are created through innovation, not imitation. On 30 October Supply Management magazine launches the "Idea of the Year awards", in association with Company Barclayeard. The aim is to find and reward the best business ideas from purchasing, supply and logistics professionals - the ones which have really made the difference. For more details on the awards and how to enter, call Nick Edwards on 0171 880 6242.



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This is my island in the frame

Chris Blackwell is now doing for Jamaican film what he did for the island's

music, says Nigel Williamson

n an illustrious career spanning almost 40 years, Chris Blackwell is as excited about his film Dancehall Queen as about anything with which he has ever been involved. He believes the film heralds both a revolutionary development technologically and a quantum leap culturally for the Jamaican film industry. These are bold claims from

a man whose name is synonymous with Jamaican culture, and particularly with its export to the rest of the world. Through his Island Records label, Blackwell was almost single-handedly responsible for introducing an unsuspecting world to the sounds of ska and rock-steady, the definitive Jamaican beats of the 1960s which caused a musical revolution. He discovered Bob Marley and tirelessly promoted reggae until it became one of popular music's most ubiqunous rhythms.

"For a tiny island with a population of two and a half million Jamaica's cultural influence around the globe is remarkable," he says. Indeed it is, but without Blackwell's entrepreneurial vision the probability is that Jamaican culture would never have filtered much beyond the diaspora of the world's Afro-Caribbean communities. Now, with his new company

Island Jamaica Films, Blackwell plans to do for the indigenous film industry what he has already done for Jamaican music. Dancehall Queen is not Blackwell's first venture into films - he was also behind the Academy Awardwinning Kiss of the Spider Woman, among others, and 25 years ago his The Harder They Come starring the Jamaican singer Jimmy Cliff became a cult classic. Yet hislatest cinematic venture holds a special place in his beart, for

Relating over dinner at his Strawberry Hill compound,



Chris Blackwell in Jamaica: "The new technology with digital cameras does for film what the compact disc did for audio. It represents the democratisation of film-making"

high above Kingston, Black-well (who also owns Goldeneye, the former Jamaican home of Ian Fleming) explains that he believes we are witnessing a revolution in filmmaking.
"It feels like a beginning.

This film is the first to be shot CDs." The new cameras make on digital video cameras. That means it cost us about £400,000, whereas a low-budget movie in Hollywood terms these days costs between £10 million and £20 million. This technology does for film what compact disc did for audio. Digital cameras allow you

every shot from different angles. It's the democratisation of film-making and it also means we can produce direct for the home market so that you just plug it in to your television and speakers. We can start selling movies like the film a perfect fit with the newly developed DVD format. which unlike normal video means no loss of sonic or visual quality.

The second reason for Blackwell's entinsiasm is the raw drama and vibrant passion that oozes from every hotels in the Blue Mountains use two or three cameras on "My roots are all Jamaican combines a rich balance of ularly great," says Blackwell.

and I feel its culture is a unique export. This film is a portrait of life on the streets of Kingston. It's the very real story of an incredibly strong woman battling against the odds in a male-dominated culture and triumphing." For that reason Blackwell

has refused all demands from distributors to provide sub-titles for some of the film's stronger patois. "It is a Jamaican film and subtitles would be patronising. We are not going to compromise the spirit of the film like that." The decision is surely the

menace and street humour. revolving around a struggling single mother financially dependent on a rich "uncle" intent on sexually abusing her young daughter. Her bid for financial independence and personal freedom involves moonlighting in Kingston's top clubs to win the title of "dancehall queen" by dressing in outrageous costumes and

The performance by Audrey Reed in the title role is riveting. "I think all the acting is

performing sexually provoca-

tive dances to the latest Jamai-

can sounds.

"When she tries to change her life the audience really cares about her. The music exaggerates the moods to make it all larger than life. Jamaica is like Some have likened the film

to a Jamaican Saturday Night Fever and the dancehall phenomenon, now imported to Britain where it has a strong following among the Afro-Caribbean community, has excited academic debate at the University of the West Indies about whether its blatant sexuality is a further example of the exploitation of women, or the ostrument of Indeed, the puising dancehall beat of Kingston club culture, with its bump'n'grind "slackness" which forms the musical backdrop of the film, is a long way from the spiritual sounds of Marley.

But, insists Blackwell, it is still in the best traditions of reggae's glory days. "This music has a great attitude. There is an unruliness about it. Jamaicans love their individuality and that comes out in nova. That was a rhythm that became decent very quickly. It was soft and ambient and parents liked it. Jamaican music has always avoided that; it has broken its own boundaries and retained its rebelliousness."

To direct the film Blackwell brought in Don Letts and Rick Elgood, two British-based Rastafarians. They recruited many actors literally off the streets of Kingston. "Part of the philosophy was to begin putting back into Jamaica what so many people have taken out," says Letts. smooth-talking, glossy Holly-wood epic but it possesses the beat of the street and a heart that the big studios seem unable to capture. The film, Blackwell promises, is the first of a series which will highlight Jamaican culture. "I hope we can make about two a year. Jamaica has never lacked the talent. Now we have the

● Dancehall Queen is on genera

Three a beat

along who rewrites the rules about jazz improvisation and composition. Since his 1991 Figure of Speech album, Ellery Eskelin has been on the list of such players, and the final date of his first UK tour showed that the buzz of excitement among the cognoscenti was more than justified.

His roots are in the bluesbased organ and tenor sounds of the 1960s, and occasionally he lets rip with gutsy blues playing over one of his characbackgrounds, but more often he exploits newer, more dar-

His current trio draws together two lines of recent exploration, unorthodox instrumentation and asymmet-

> JAZZ Elfory Eskelin Vortex

rical compositions in which thematic material is linked by free passages or stark rhythmic and textural contrasts. The title track of their recent album One Great Day, which doubled as their opening number, exemplified how successfully ideas have been worked through. Andrea Parkins's accordion, keyboard and sampling varied the timbre as effectively as Jim Black's virtuoso drumming.

From his tour here earlier this year with Tim Berne's Bloodcount, it was obvious that Black has become one of New York's most creative percussionists, and Eskelin's trio offers him a perfect forum for his eclectic playing. Snatches of drum ה' bass weave seamlessly into hard-edged rockrhythms; shakers, tinged gourds and brittle cymbal effects jostle with the conventional drum kit, yet a basic jazz sensibility is never absent.

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The credit for this must go to Eskelin. He points out that his music is not "about" anything, it exists for the experience of the moment. The trio is a mobile test-bed for ideas as open-minded as it is technically accomplished, playing some pieces so new they are known only by numbers. Eskelin asked his audience for possible titles for "No 20" — a fiveas the dynamics and time shifted behind it.

For all his innovation. Eskelin never entirely abandons notions of metre and harmony, but his playing, brittle and robust, tender and hard-edged by turns, shows working within them than the high-speed harmonic workouts of most post-Coltrane tenorists.



Richard Cork's daily guide to the Hayward Gallery's new exhibition of still lifes

MERET OPPENHEIM: Object, 1936

WOMEN artists were not encouraged to shine in male-dominated Surrealist circles. But undaunted, Meret Oppenheim produced one of the movement's most unforgettable images. Taking a cup, saucer and spoon, she transformed their everyday normality with the aid of pale brown fur. It spreads across their surfaces like some threatening, uncontrollable growth. Fur normally imparts a sense of warmth and reassurance. Here, however, it excites disgust and fascination. We recoil, but our coriosity is aroused by its weird, erotic suggestiveness.

□ Objects of Desire is at the Hayward (0171-960-4242), sponsored by BMW in association with The Times. TOMORROW: Frida Kahlo's Still Life with Prickly Pears, 1938

Pounding the campaign trail for real rock

By rights Edwyn Collins should be playing all the glam-clad stadiums of the world by now. After Girl Like You went ballistic, he was everybody's sarcastic best friend. As it is, the should-be homecoming hero is still play-ing to a hardcore cult fan base of thirtysomethings. No problem. For this not-so-

young pretender to the throne has been furrowing a quality path of garage guitar soul songs that should make the new kids on the block kneel at his feet and pay homage.

For Collins eschewed the alltoo-reverent and, let's face it, all-too-easy Britpop. And, as his new album shows, he is still speaking with his tongue firmly in his cheek. Frankly he seems nonplussed by the whole post-Girl Like You brouhaha, and is hilariously content simply to be getting on with the business now at hand.

The opening title, The Campaign for Real Rock, sets the tone for a scaringly wry stream of observations on life.

love and the music business over the past 15 years. Too wise

to be bitter, the minister for

rock without portfolio opts for

brevity instead, and who can blame him with back pages The bulk of the set is drawn from his wonderfully edectic new album, I'm Not Following You, which is a series of wry, dry slices of rock n roll insider out-takes. But Collins is far too clever to be nasty, and where the likes of Downer would sound bitter from lesser tal-

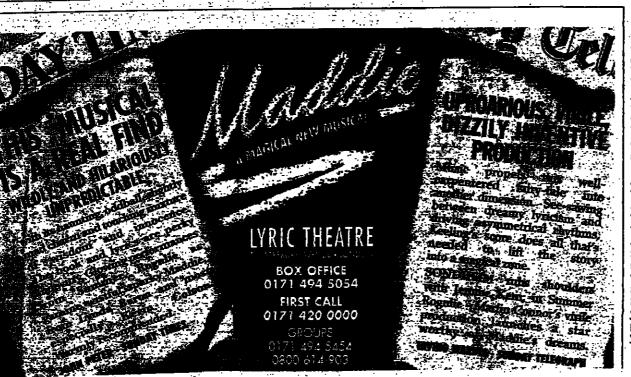
ents, in Collins's plum-in-gob brogue it comes over as never

less than cheeky. He is none too proud, either. to acknowledge his back-catalogue, getting right back to the start of it all with Falling and Laughing. The difference here, though, is that, with such a solidly proficient backing as his current band - still featuring former Sex Pistol Paul Cook on drums — the old song cannot fail to sound even better than how you remem-ber the original. By What Presence, the ageing showman is strutting his stuff aloft on the bass drum, wiggling his hips and charming the socks off an exceedingly knowing audience.

A magnificent encore of Rip It Up adds even more colour to the proceedings, mixing up samples of Seventies disco with the Fall's Mark E. Smith, who appears on the album. And a closing Adidas World said it all, managing to cock a snook at the Blurs of this world and sound like a bornagain B-52s at the same time. Still kicking after all these years, Collins looks set to be a grin-tastic delight for several vears vet to come.

NEIL COOPER





LONDON CENSRENTOLA Robert Chevara.

Newly appointed director of productions for chylich Touring Opera, has chosen a new production of Rosem's captivating comic work to open the company's autumn season. Leah Hacisman directs, with designs by Kalima Lindsay Conductor is And Greenwood. The production runs in landom with a revival of Stephan Medical's production of the Manage of Medical's production of the Manage of Medical Stephan Medical Med

Figure Tour goes on to High Wycomba and Theatre. The Green. Concrentato: Tonight and Frt, 7 45pm; Figure Tomorrow and Sat, 7 45pm.

JANE EYRE. Shared Expenence's touring production of Charlotte Bronte's composing love story with Pooky Quesnel's mad Berthe seen as a dark Obesine's many persons seem as dearn after ego to Monica Dolan's Jane. Young Vis. 65 The Cut. SET (0771-928 6363), Prevents tonight. Born. Opens Johnsman, Zipm. Than Tue-Sat, 7 30pm; mats Tue, Thur and Sat, 2 30pm. Until

SHINTOKU-MARU Yuko Ninagawa's company here for six performances of doubless breathtaking beauty. A rate of palousy and londiden towe raminiscent. r scenes, of Oedipus and Phaedra. Berbican, Sãk Street, EC2 (0171-838)

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ART Herry Goodman, Roger Allam and Stanley Townsend in this or explorably interesting drama about including unspoken resentment and an

inchosing urspurentessammen almost all-white painting Wyndhem's, Charing Cross Road, Wr.2 (0171-369 1736) Mon-Set, Spm:

COMING UP: Nicota Buffett plays the teacher championing a boy siter a treft in a shopping mail Comady by James Marin Crartion, author of the evoletin Fat Souls Warehouse, Dingwall Rd, East Croydon (0181-680 4060) Tice, 6 30pm. Work Sat Rome Sin Some United Wod-Sai, 6pm; Sun, 5pm, Until DANTON'S DEATH First in a

Georg Buchner inlagy, showing the last days of the popular hero at the French Revolution. David Farr directs one of the Personation Daylo Part Media of the Great Prince Albert Pub. 11
Pembridgo Road, W11 (0171-229 0706)
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son Nettonel (Offvier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252), Tonghi-Thur, 7 15pm, mai lomorow, 2pm, in rep. ☐ AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Return of Peter Hall's enjoyable production, brankal of deceptions. Starring Martin Shaw and Samon Ward, and Kate O'Mara es the svette troublemaker.

NEW RELEASES

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Music from ecross Europe & leatured in a programme from the Cay of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under its connected guest onductor Paavo Jārvi, Bratsvis's Variations on a Theme of Haydri Is coupled with Kodály's Concerto for Oschestra and Sibelius's The Swan of Tucnata and Symphony No.5. ry Hall, Broad Street, (0121



Paavo Järvi conducts in Birmingham

THEATRE GUIDE

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Gleigud, Shehasbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm; mals Thur 3pm and Sat, 4pm. CI KAT AND THE KINGS: Equipment musical set in Cape Town as rock in to bursts over South Airica. A great

overing 04.1.
Tricycle Theatre, Kitcum High Road,
NW6 (0171-328 1000), Mon-Sat. Bpm:
mats Wed (Oct 22, Nov 5), 2pm and
Sat. 4pm. Until Nov 8(5) C) MY BOY JACK: First play by David Haig with hereelf as Rudyard Kipling, urging his beloved son to go off to the trenches. Belinda Lang plays Mrs K Directed by John Dove. Hampsteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm;

** POPCORN Ben Elton's blistering

CANTERBURY: The autumn's lestwises continue with a voit by the dynamic young ensemble i fagletter who bring together sonorous vocal music from the 11th to the 20th century Talks, Pelestrine and Duruffé. Carrierbury Cethedrai (The Crypt), Christ Church Gale, The Precincts

(01227 452853) Tonight, 7 30pm. EDINBURGH: Scottish Opera continues its season with a restaged continues as season with a regraged version of its 1894 production of Bargaron Britter's clark take, Peter Gritmes. Richard Armstrong conducts, with Jeffrey Lawton in the role of Gritmes. Festival Theatre, Nicolson Sweet (0131-529 6000). Opens tonight, 7.15pm (5)

NORWICH: At last a chance to see Miss Julie, William Alwyn's opera based on Stindberg's play about social class, power and pession in spite of being completed in 1978 this is the opera's first staging, Judith Howarth en Karl Daymond head the cast, with Peter

Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (01603 630000) Tonight end Sat, 7.20pm (5) LONDON GALLERIES

ns: James Ensor (0171-638 B891) ... European Academy & Accademia Hallenar Josela de Obidos of Portugal (1830-1684) (0171-235 (303) Heyward: The Modern Still Life (0171-928 3144) Mail: The Halland Society of Miniaturists (0171-Sall Life (0171-928 3144) . Malk The Halland Society of Miniatures's (0171-930 6844) . Miteauzm of London: Bedlam. Custody. care and cure (0171-900 0807) . Netional Hogarth's Marrisge A-ta-Mode (0171-747 2885) . Reynal Academy: Sensation (0171-439 7436) . . Taite: Turner on the Loire (0171-897 8000)

Boswell directs Apollo, Shalfesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Sat, Bpm; mats Wed, 3pm, and Sat, 4pm

THE WASP FACTORY: Succession stage version of the smater cust novel by lain Benks, adapted and directed by Malcolm Sutherland. First seen at West Yorkshire Playhouse. Terrific sets Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm; Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm.

 WASTE: Felicity Kendel, Michael
Pennington, Denis Outliey in Gramitle
Berker's tascinating drame of the power struggle within a government, complicated by sex. Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight, 7 30pm in rep. LONG RUNNERS

☐ The Complete Works of William Shalkespeare (Abridged): Crismon (1711-399 1737). ☐ Grease* Cambridge (1771-494 5080). ☐ An Inspector Caller Gernek (10171-494 5080). ☐ Martin Guerre: Prince Edward (10171-447 5400). ☐ Miles Salgont: Druy Lane (10171-494 5400). ☐ The Mousetirap St Martin's (10171-836 1443). ☐ Colvert: Palladum (10171-494 5203). ☐ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (10171-416 6054). ☐ The Women in Blank Forture (1711-393 2339) ☐ The Complete Works of William

n Black: Fortune (0171-836 2238) Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

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Intimacy on all sides

t is a truism that dance is a vertical expression of a horizontal intention, and no one makes that more explicitly clear than the Venezuela-born choreographer Javier De Frutos, who brought his latest work to Glasgow's Tramway for its British premiere.

De Frutos has become infamous for not putting too much of his budget into the costume department, and Grass is no different in this respect. What is different about Grass, though, is that it sees De Frutos flexing his creative muscles by bringing two other dancers into his world, thus allowing him to flesh out the star charts of his highly indi-vidualistic path. And it is his secret self we are allowed a glimpse - something as sen-

sual as it is sinewy and stark. Set to Puccini's Madam Butterfly — and, let's be honest, gay iconography doesn't come much bigger than that the first act sees De Frutos darting betwixt and between a man and a woman standing still as you like around a circle. Opposites attract, though, and soon De Frutos's bald prima donna seems to sprout wings, shaking his tush as he teasingly invites them to accompany him. Then it's man to man as the woman is squeezed out of

this ever-decreasing circle. By the second act, the men are naked and red raw, while the woman claws through dimly lit gauze at the rear of the stage. What follows is something exquisite in terms of both bravery and passion, made even more so by the music's abrupt petering out midway through, so you are forced to concentrate even harder on every on-stage interJavier De Friitos Glasgow

action. By the end, though, Puccini is back for the suitably operatic tragedy of always hurting the one you love, as De Frutos swoops free as a bird, as eager to escape love as much as he needs it.

Simply put, it is a beautiful display that does not shy away from the hard heart of the matter. Tights and Lycra would have been a cop-out. The dramatic final flourish aside. Grass's finest moment comes during an extended kiss between the two men, in itself a tenderly elongated dance, lips replacing limbs in the kind of choreography that only comes into play when your guard is let down and the essence of purity, at first restrained, can finally break

De Frutos is a maverick in

this respect. His own struggles: to recognise and come to terms with himself as an artist are as much a part of a work as of his life. While one smiles at the outrage such a work might provoke if it fell into the wrong hands, the ironic marvel of all this is how wonderfully innocent and unshocking it seems. It is a credit to De Frutos's integrity that he can carry all this off so unselfconciously, yet all the time be involved resolutely in the discipline of the performance. Like a glimpse into an alternative Eden before the apple fell, Grass is in a field of its own. De Frutos is touring Britain, and comes to The Place Theatre in Londonon November 7 and 8.

NEIL COOPER



No hiding place: Javier De Frutos (foreground) and co-dancers in De Frutos's Grass

CONCERTS: Australian Festival opens in good form; towering Fischer-Dieskau in fine company

A team of all-rounders

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A LOOSE assortment of events at irregular intervals and extending into November is being grouped together as an Australian Festival, and was launched at the weekend by the Australian Chamber Orchestra. It is a string ensemble now in its 22nd year. in which the 16 or so players are mostly under 30. The programme here suggested that versatility is the name of the game under its director and first violin. Richard Tognetti.

Ranging from Corelli in the 17th century to Australia's own senior composer, Peter Sculthorpe, in today's forefront, the orchestra displayed a conductoriess discipline and a string tone of clarity, weight and brilliance. Phrasing could be idiosyncratic, as in the slow central movement of Corelli's

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Concerto Grosso in F, Op 6 No 2, where sudden dynamic changes imparted a lurching gait, followed by a finale that was disconcertingly brash. The players were joined by the Dutch cellist Peter Wistelwey, first in

Lutoslawski's Grave, a short tribute to a Polish friend marked by fastidious writing for the cello. The soloist was also heard to polished effect in Haydn's C major Concerto.

In Sculthorpe's Sonata for Strings No 2 of 1988, multifarious aspects of string technique are put to descriptive use in evoking elements of the natural landscape of Australia, graphic in character but also thoughtful in content, and here given an assured and persuasive performance.

Also evocative of landscape was Tognetti's arrangement of the String Quartet No 2 by Parvel Haas, a Moravian Czech who died in Auschwitz. His quartet was his souvenir of a youthful and evidently carefree holiday in the Moravian Highlands, and his study with Janaček is apparent in almost every bar. This was a tense, sometimes raucous performance, rich in sentiment and captivating in spirit.

NOEL GOODWIN.

Dazzled by the glory

THE first ever audience for mance by the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus was no exception. Few will forget Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's exhortation, The wild hunt of the summer wind: it was as if he had conjured the sun to rise in the final. shattering chorus of joy.

Despite its dramatic dynamism, one of the recurring words in Gurrelieder "still", and without a dreamlike full intensity. This performance began restlessly. Jon Frederic West, as the king Waldemar, sounded distracted in

over the richly scored orchestra, his became an emphatic, correct delivery. The soprano Julio Varady was not best cast as his young lover, Tove, as she too strained at times to be heard. It was only when Ann Murray began the Wood Dove's song, her voice emerging, glistening, from out of the bassoon and clarinet chords, that we entered the dreamworld. Throughout the first half the real

his first song and, in his bid to project

emotional energy came from the Schoenberg's Gurrelieder turned up to orchestra, as conductor Andrew Davis protest, but left elated. It is not hard to paced the performance with expert understand why: a performance of this... fluency. In 'the second half, when masterpiece will always be a rare : Waldemar rails against God for Tove's occasion, and this magnificent perfor- death, we leave the world of catastropdoomed king. Here the orchestra awoke from its swooned sensuality, and dazzled in the crisper world of atonality and colourful chamber combinations. One could almost feel a cool draught of change as the glassy wind chords heralded The wild hunt of the summer wind. Fischer-Dieskau electrified the exhortation, turning the Gerstillness the fairytale cannot reach its man language itself into music of full intensity. This performance began eloquence and beauty.

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Balance opens next week at the Haymarket, will reunie a West End triumvirate actress Maggie Smith, plywright Edward Albee and director Anthony Page — who at the combination of any prodicer's dreams (in this case, the canny impresario is

In 1994the three teamed up for the london premiere of Albee's Politzer Prize-winning Three Tall Women in a staging so successful that, unusually, it was brought back for an encorp. This time they join forces for an earlier Pulitzer Prizewither from the American mater, who watched his A Delpate Bal-

ance stampede audiences and critics separate Broadway revival last seson that cast Elline Stritch in Smith's role.

As director Page is no stranger kulos. His Middlenarch for the BBQ got across-Further back, one can point to his

achievement directing Roger Cormans lone art movie, I Never Pomised You A Rose Garden In June he beat Sir Richard Eyre and John Caird to win the Tony Award for best director or his production of A Doll's House. This London not only introduced Janet McTeer to American audience, but rethought a potentialy fusty Ibsen period piece as an immediate cri de coeur from a couple as sexy and volatile as they were ill-

Page, 52, has homes in both NottingHill and Manhattan His current wave of acclaim (a. Nationa Theatre Absolute. Hell with Judi Dench included) follows a period of some 15 years when he worked largely in America doing film and TV, not all if it distinguished. Now he has returned to the theatre. which ie describes as his first and lating pleasure.

"I think I feel more at home in the theatre." Page says, sitting in his London flat between weeks in Bath and Cardiffto monitor A Delicate Baland on the road. "You're not dealing with a great many other people; it's a much more concentrated group. I like the way things can develop, too: you male a mistake, and you move forward."

It helps when your col-leagues are Dench, McTeer or Smith, not to mention Smith's

hen A Delicate Atkins, who plays the coolly self-possessed sister, Agnes, to Smith's alcoholic wit, Claire. Over time - one thinks of Page's early stage work with the late Jill Bennett, and of Vanessa Redgrave as the transsexual termis player Renee Richards in Page's TV film, Second Serve - the director has repeatedly distinguished himself in the com-

pany of strong actresses. "I can't say that it's always very easy." Page says. "But I think women, particularly as they get older, are easier to direct than men. Men don't want to be directed so much, whereas women are more anxious to explore and to find out and to jump into the dark."

Page compares McTeer to the gen-6 Women eration of raw, electrifying" Ameras they get ican talent that in-cluded Oscar-winner Geraldine Page (no relation), whose golden age of American stage acting the director direct than was in New York to see. Of Smith he has only the high-

est praise: "She's like a blowtorch, her mind, in trying to get to the reality of something: how to give it comic edge and energy. She's just got an amazing theatrical imagination. I don't think she's interested in mannerism at all; she wants to be totally convincing.*

Does A Delicate Balance

demand greater intelligence from the actors, not least because of an ornate rhetoric its opening soliloquy, for instance — that could be offputting to performer and audience alike? "Not intellectual intelligence but emotional intelligence." Page says of the play, a putative drawing room comedy that remains perhaps Albee's most harrowing peer

"The play needs a lot of truth so that it doesn't sound. mannered. It's very peculiar, very meticulous writing, and very difficult to learn; it's not at all how people speak. The challenge is to make it seem

Born in Bangalore in southern India into a military family and then educated at Oxford, Page trained at the Neighbourhood Playhouse in New York. He accepted Tony Richardson's invitation to assist at the Royal Court, and ended up running that theatre for much of the Sixties, either alone or with William Gaskill and Lindsay Anderson. There he developed a similar associn the play. Eileen ation with John Osborne over



Love match: "I've done a lot of work to pay mortgages," says Anthony Page, in London to direct Maggie Smith in an Edward Albee play. "Now it's a great luxury to work for the love of it"

six or seven plays that he has so far enjoyed with Albee over two. Indeed, he applied again to run the Court in 1992, the year that Stephen Daldry was given the post: "I thought I could go back and do it very well now, because I know how to stand back and be much more objective, much more protective and nourishing of

The Albee connection, meanwhile, almost didn't hap-Though "absolutely knocked out by Three Tall Women off Broadway, Page watched as the London production was turned over to his friend Karel Reisz. Two weeks into rehearsal, Reisz and the Page free to answer the producers' rescue call. "They

> and we simply started again."
>
> Looking ahead, Page is discussing a possible Gorky revival at the National, as well as an American-backed film of A Doll's House to star McTeer. "A lot of young directors say Why or how are you still working? I feel as long as you can keep the energy and enthusiasm, you do get better because you know more. I've done an awful lot of work to pay mortgages; now it's a great luxury to work for the love of it."

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Back to school with a vengeance

t is difficult to review a play by a writer who has died recently and prematurely, especially when it comes with as fine a testimonial as Dominic Dromgoole has contributed to the Vic programme. There is no doubt that Roy MacGregor, author of Our Own Kind and Phoenix, was talented and promising. Nor can anybody question his "large-heartedness and magnanimity". But his last play. Snake in the Grass, is not just weak on "polish and

gests. Only occasionally does it rise to the challenge of a subject that is at once topical, fashionable and painful.
What is this? The deliberate-

ly bland first scene, in which John Normington's earnest, high-minded Edward Sliddon prepares to conduct a smalltown choir in a performance of

Haydn's Creation, gives no hint. Nor does the second, in which Kevin Whately's coarse, greasy Ray Lucas toils away in a local garage. Even when the roughneck and ex-con interrupts a meeting at which the musician and schoolmaster is being honoured by his fellow citizens, the vital information is tantalisingly withheld. Only after just about everyone in the audience must have twigged the truth does MacGregor Snake in the come out with it.

Ray has returned from a long stretch in prison for GBH to accuse his old teacher of abusing him years before. He was a boy from a sink housing estate with a gift for music which Edward encouraged, only to betray him; or so he proceeds to claim. But is Ray to be believed or is he, as the respectable citizens of Hazlitt Heath prefer to believe, a lunatic thug and crazed stalker

Grass Old Vic

whom the police must run out of town? The more-or-less definitive

answer to this, which comes right at the end, is neither unexpected nor very well handled. But that need not matter. Again, MacGregor tends to caricature local nobs who say

things like (Greg Hicks's arrogant doctor) "I pine for the day when the lower orders knew their place and kept within it". But neither this nor the sometimes clunky dialogue would be hugely important if we saw a bit further into the hearts of his two principals.

Normington is a wonderfully sensitive actor, but the play gives him scant opportunity to suggest that there is anything in his psyche but the blithe serenity allegedly felt by the music-loving apparatchiks at

ter, and does successfully suggest a wounded, embittered soul; but more sporadically than one might wish. The final impression left by MacGregor's text and Dromgoole's production is, yes, of magnanimity and compassion, at least for Ray. It is still hard to see the play as much more than a compassionate, magna-

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Profession: Tenor. First-time lucky: He is collecting excellent notices for his professional debut in the title roe of Franz Lehar's comedyof mistaken identity, The Count of Luxembourg. The D'Dyly Carte Opera-Company production is in Sheffield this week, with another light stops remain-ing on alour of England that runs unil mid-December.

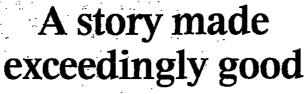
How long since he gave up the day job? Just a few month. Winning the Towyn Roberts scholarship

at last year's National Eisteddfol of Wales brought him plenty of one-off recitals, but before he Count he was combining those engagements with supply eaching at primary schools in Swansea, where his wife. Swan, is a university lecturer in Welsh. "I had sent D'Oyly Carte my CV two years ago but the invitation to auditin came completely out of the blue."

Vocal genes? His mother was a keen member of the local amater operatic society and his father, a pharmaceuticals salesman, ran a mixed choir near the family home in Gwent.
"I was singing in Welsh and English from a very early age." Pass master: He could easily have ended up performing at Carolf Arms Park instead of the Sheffield Lyceum. I played outsile half for the Welsh Under-15 rugpy team in wins over Scotlind and Italy in 1982. But I was already determined to become a professional singer and, the following season, took

my music futor's advice to give up rugby." Who has helped him to develop his voice? Half a dozen "mayellous" tutors, most recently the Welsh tenor, Dennis O'Nill. "His advice is for me to get out there, play parts, main mistakes and be shrewd enough to learn from them." Doe he feel part of a Welsh operatic tradition? The great Wellh singers, like Geraint Evans and Ryland Davies, have always performed with hwyl—real passion—and that's wha I'm trying to do. It's taken me a long time to get where I am low and I don't want to be around for just five minutes."

DANIEL ROSENTHAL



Rudyard Kipling is a buttonholing writer, the sort who clutches the reader's lapel and fastens his fingers there with Lots of Capital Letters and jovial tricks, O Best Beloved, and treats us as if we are just about to be tucked up in bed but can listen to one last story. A good

story, usually.

His own life makes a good story too, though he could not have written more than a corner of it himself, and the part where his son Jack dies in the trenches he was only able to convey in poetry. This is the part that David Haig tells, in his first stage play, and a most accomplished job he has made of Kipling's determined efforts to turn his schoolboy son into a soldier. Haig plays Kipling, and though the moustache and round glasses contribute greatly to the personation it is the credible mixture of desiccation and passion, blind pa-triot and blinkered papa, which Haig brings to the role that turns him into Kipling

before our eyes. Young Jack (John Little) is so myopic that he cannot read letters four inches high from more than a yard away. Turned down four times by the Army he allows his father to pull strings with powerful friends and at last leaves home. For it is to get away. from his over-concerned and encircling father that he acquiesces in the propaganda that today sounds truly sickening. that it is the glorious duty of the young to sacrifice their lives for the Empire.

Most of the play's first half takes place in Kipling's study but then, unexpectedly in this theatre, Michael Taylor's set, its furniture and Persian rugs. is trucked back, and up from the forestage rises the wall of a trench with mud and soggy sandbags and continual rain.
Second Lieutenant Kipling is
forever having to wipe the
raindrops off his specs, and though one cannot suppose he would have lasted much longer with the best sight in the world, his father's contribution to his death is

Haig develops the story in scenes of considerable power. with tension building as we wait to hear Jack's clearerminded sister (good performance from Sarah Howe) tell unpalatable truths to her father, and for Mrs Kipling (Belinda Lang, also good) to reach the limit of her terror and rage. Haig's feeling for period is admirable, and John Dove's direction makes the scene with the sullen, panicky, infuriated soldiers utterly convincing.

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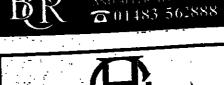
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ers, administrators and decisionmakers across Europe.

and so you should -- are you a member of a professional secretarial body? The EAPS aims to raise the profile of the profession, and holds seminars, more assertive the role of PAs. monthly meetings, social events and secretaries and support staff be-comes, the more useful it becomes to an annual conference. These give secretaries across Europe join an association that will look chance to discuss salaries, conditions, training and busi-The idea of such bodies has been Dess issues.

around for a long time. The Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries Its dégrees of membership — full, associate, affiliate and honorary — (IQPS), the biggest and most presti-gious of the professional bodies, was are based on the amount set up 40 years ago. As secretarial of experience a member requirements have moved from has. To qualify for full hoss's helper to a self-starting role, so the IQPS, and others, have set out membership secretaries must have at least three to improve the image of their years' experience at deci-sion-making level. Org-anisations can also join members and ensure they have access to information and training. Sonia Vanular, a Briton who worked in France as a secretary by taking out corporate membership. The Secretarial Dev-

elopment Network (SDN) is a small but fast-growing network of organisations which perceive the need to develop the secretarial role. Representatives from these organisations range from secretaries, executive secretaries and PAs to personnel and human resources officers and some line managers. As its questionnaires show, it backs secretaries in their quest for improvement and

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are not sure what they are looking for in a secretary, she says. "For instance, when buying in IT equipment there is often no discussion with secretaries about what they need."

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"Frustratingly," Garrett says, "some secretaries join Fasttrack and then resign because they say they have improved and so don't need us any more. They don't realise that updating must be con-tinuous if they are to keep pace with the opportunities that technology

Peter Toner, who is in charge of Fasttrack's technical side, advises companies on buying IT office equipment and how to make the

Fasttrack, set up by Angela Mortimer, the recruitment consultancy, offers information, training and terly magazine which spreads its articles over a wide area - from secretarial subjects such as how to get promoted, to general business information such as demystifying the money markets.

Portfolio also gives support. It is a glossy, reference magazine for secretaries. The first issue of this annual handbook was at the end of September, and its editor, Penny Cottee, says that it was created as an addition to Executive PA, also published by Hobsons, after she realised there was a need for widespread information and contacts listings for senior secretaries.

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Costs warning over London firms Providing background of offenders

Wraith v Sheffield Forgemasters Ltd

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice

[Judgment July 31]

In appropriate circumstances a successful party to litigation in the county court was entitled to recover, on taxation of his costs, the increased costs of instructing a solicitor outside the area of the court in which his case was heard. But the fact that the successful party was a trade union, or insurer, who had adopted the practice of sending all its work to London solicitors was of limited relevance on taxation in an in-

dividual case. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by John Michael Truscott against the order of Judge Coltart on January 16, 1996 on taxation of his costs in an action by Beverley Mary Truscon against him in Mary truscon against nim in Brighton County Court, whereby the judge had held that the charging rate to be applied to his London solicitor's costs be a

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The Court of Appeal also allowed an appeal by Sheffield Forgemasters Ltd against the order of Mr Justice Potter sitting with assessors (The Times February 20, 1996; [1996] I WLR 617) refusion their applies the refusing their application for costs baxed on November 17, 1995 by Deputy District Judge Thompson in a personal injury action brought by Trevor Wraith to be reduced because he had used inappro-

M v B (Ancillary proceed-

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice

It was a paramount consideration,

particularly where children were

involved, when granting financial

relief as laid down in section 25 of

the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973,

as substituted by section 3 of the

Matrimonial and Family Proceed-

ings Act 1984, to endeavour to

stretch the capital sums available

so as to cover the needs of each of

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October 2 when allowing a father's appeal in ancillary relief proceed-

1996 to the extent of increasing the

The Court of Appeal so stated on

ings: Lamp sum)

[Judgment October 2]

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structed by his trade union on his behalf.

Miss Elizabeth Gumbel for Mr Truscon: Mr Guy Mansfield, QC. for Mrs Truscott. Mr Jeremy Morgan for Sheffield Forgemasters: Mr Guy Sankey, QC and Mr Paul Rilcoyne for Mr

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the issue was whether the liability of the unsuccessful party ordered to pay costs should be restricted to what a reasonably competent solicitor practising in the area of the court, or in the area where the successful party lived. might have been expected to charge, or whether the successful party should be entitled to recover the sums claimed by the solicitor who was in fact instructed to act on

Order 62, rule 12(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court applied to actions in the High Court and county court see Order 38, rule 1(3) of the County Court Rules.

Rule 12 provided: (1) On a taxation of costs on the standard basis there shall be allowed a reasonable amount in respect of all costs reasonably incurred and any doubts ... as to whether the costs were reasonably incurred or were reasonable in amount shall be resolved in favour of the paying

That rule had been in its present form since 1986 and authorities prior to that date had to be read with due regard to the wording of rules previously in force. What was said in Smith v Buller ((1875) LR 19 Eq 473), that the successful party should bear no more than the

Each party needs a home

when children involved

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Miss Christina Morris who did

not appear below, for the husband;

LORD JUSTICE THORPE said

that it was one of the paramount

considerations in applying the

section 25 criteria to endeavour to

the need of each for a home, particularly where there were

Obviously the primary care needed whatever was available to

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ren, but it was of importance,

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applied directly to the present rule since it related to a rule which was.

in R. v Dudley Magistrates Court. Ex parte Power City Stores Ltd (The Times January 18, 1990; (1990) 154 JP 654) the Divisional Court, considered section 16(6) and. (7) of the Prosecution of Offenders

Lord Justice Woolf said that the effect of the subsections, the wording of which was reminiscent of Order 62, rule 12(1), was to require the taxing officer to carry out a

First he had to consider whether the expenses claimed were prop-erly incurred by the delendant. If so, he had to ask what amount would be reasonably sufficient to compensate the defendant for

Regulations made under the Act contained precisely similar wording to Order 62, rule 12(1). The ing to Order of, rule 1411. The court held that the question was whether the applicant acted reasonably in employing leading counsel. If the answer was in the properly incurred for the purposes Truscott v Truscott

The following were matters which the judge should have regarded as relevant when considering the reasonableness of Mr ott's decision to instruct Alison Trent & Co: I The importance of the matter to

The legal and factual 2

that was an exceptionally

portant consideration and one

which would almost invariably

have a decisive impact on the

Here the judge had the opportu-

nity to make a division which

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rehouse. It might require some sacrifice on the part of the wife's

family and some burden of future

On the husband's side it would

entail taking advantage of his ability to defer the Law Society's

legal aid charge in respect of his

costs. But those were the sort of

methods to which the court regu-

larly had to have recourse in those

cases where the money was only

just enough. This was just such a

Solicitors: Abrahams Drestlen:

May May & Merrimans.

4 Mr Truscon's possibly well founded dissatisfaction with his original solicitors. 5 The fact that the new solicitors

had been recommended to him. 6 The location of the firm, their readiness to attend the relevant court: and

7 What, if anything, he might reasonably be expected to know of the fees likely to be charged by other solicitors whom he might neasonably be expected to have

If the judge had considered those atters he would have reached a different conclusion, namely that it as reasonable for Mr Trus instruct Alison Trent. There was no issue as to the reasonableness of their charges and once it was accepted that Mr Truscon acted easonably in instructing that firm it followed that his appeal had to be allowed. Wraith v Sheffield Forgemasters

What Mr Justice Potter said in Wraith (at p624D) was correct but his Lordship took issue with the way the principle was applied to

the facts of the case.
It was reasonable for Mr Wraith to consult his trade union but the trade union knew or ought to have known what sort of legal fees it would have to expend to obtain commetent services for Mr Wraith sustained a serious accident there. trade union that knowledge had to

No doubt there were firms of solicitors in Sheffield or Leeds well qualified to do the work and in reality the only reason why the work went to London solicitors was that the union had adopted the practice of sending all its work to those solicitors. That connection was of limited relevance on tax-ation in an individual case.

None of what his Lordship said was intended to put pressure on trade unions or insurers to change their policy and parcel out work so that different solicitors acted for them in different areas. But it was the duty of unions and

trers in each individual case to keen down the costs of litigation and that might well mean that if they went to London solicitors who charged London rates for a case which had no obvious connection with London, and which did not require expertise only to be found there, they would, even if successrecover less than the solicitors had charged.

The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted. Lord Justice Waite and Lord stice Auld agreed. Solicitors: Alison Trent & Co; Marsh Ferriman & Cheale,

Nelson & Co. Leeds: Russell Jones & Walker, Bristol. supplemented by form MGI6 if the

Practice Direction (Crime: Antecedents

New arrangements for the pro-vision of information of antecedents of offenders following the introduction of computerised information from the Police National Computer were to apply

Lord Bingham of Combill, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when sitting in the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, with Mr Jus-Posts and Mr Justice Butterfield on October 9.

Examples of the new standard formats to be used could be obtained from Room W08. Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 211: Telephone 0171436

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE Standard for the provision of crown court and magistrates

I The procedures had been agreed by the senior judiciary, Lord Chancellor's Department, Magistrates' Association, Justices' Clerks Society, Crown Prosecution Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers, and would assist the prosecution in present-ing antecedents to both the crown court and the magistrates' courts. They replaced those attached to Practice Direction (Crime: Antecedents) ([1943] ! WLR 1459).

They allowed for the provision of information of antecedents in respect of previous convictions and cautions to be provided by the police directly from the Police National Computer (PNC). The procedures set the standard as to the level of information to be provided.

2 in the crown court, the police

would provide brief details of the stances of the last three convictions likely to be of interest to the court, the latter being judged on a case by case basis. That information should be provided separately and attached to the

3 Where the current alleged offence was within the term of an existing probation order, and it was known that that order was still in force then, so far as the crown court was concerned, to enable the court to consider the possibility of revoking that order, details of the circumstances of the offence leading to the community order should be 4 Preparation of antecedents ar standard formats: magistrates

courts and crown court Personal details and summary of convictions and cautions: PNC court/defence/probation summary

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Circumstances of last three similar convictions: Circumstances of order still in force: Form MG/ci The detail should be brief and include the date of the offence. 5 Provision of antecedents to the court and parties crown court

The crown court antecedents

would be prepared by the police immediately following committal proceedings, including committals for sentence, transfers under sec-tion 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 or section 53 of the Criminal Justice Act 1901, or on receipt of a notice of appeal, excluding non-imprisonable motoring offences. Seven copies of the antecedent

each defendant. Two copies were to be provided to the CPS direct, the remaining five to be sent to the crown court. The court would send

the Probation Service. The remaining copies were for the court's use. Where following conviction a custodial order was made one copy was to be attached to the order sen to the prison.

The antecedents had to be onevided as above, within 21 days of committal or transfer in each case. Any points arising from them were to be raised with the police by the defence solicitor as soon as possible and, where there was time, at least seven days before the hearing date so that the matter could be

resolved prior to that hearing.

Seven days before the hearing date, the police would check the any additional convictions would be provided using the standard format above. Those would be provided as above and attached to the documents already supplied. Details of any additional outstanding cases would also be provided at

Magistrates' courts The magistrates' court antecedents would be prepared by the police and submitted to the CPS with the case file

would be prepared in respect of each defendant and provided to the CPS who would be responsible for distributing them to others at the sentencing hearing.

Normally two copies would be provided to the court, one to the defence and one to the Probation Service when appropriate. Where following conviction a custodial order was made, one of the court's

order sent to the prison. In instances where antecedents had been provided to the court some time before the hearing the police would, if requested to do so by the CPS, check the record of

Details of any additional convictions would be provided using the standard format above. Those would be provided as above and

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by the police provided the ante-cedents to the CPS for passing on to others would apply unless there was a local agreement between the

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It would in his Lordship's

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His Lordship found the council

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Downhill occupier has duty to uphill neighbour

Holbeck Hall Hotel Ltd and Another v Scarborough Borough Council

Council v Geotechnical Engineering (Northern) Ltd Before Judge Hicks, QC

Judge Hicks, QC, sitting on official referee's business, so held in granting the application of Holbeck Hall Hotel Ltd and English Rose Hotels (Yorkshire) Ltd for damages for the breach by Scarborough Borough Council of its duty not to cause a nuisance and to take reasonable steps to prevent the risk that the applicants' property would be destroyed through land slip and in dismissing the council's claim against Gentechnical Engineering (Northern) Lid for an indemnity against liability arising in the first

The plaintiffs' hotel was uphill from council-owned land which collapsed so that the hotel was destroyed. Geotechnical had provided the council with professional

and Mr Paul Reed for the hotels; Mr Paul Darling for the council; Nissen hotel on their land, whereas the

the plaintiffs' case that in relation

In the natural right to support

support cause of action was that there was no obligation on the servient occupier to take any active steps to maintain support.

nuisance for damages for breach of It was not suggested that the

Mr Christopher Symons, QC it was not, and could not have been alleged that any potential duty on their part became actual.

Scarborough Borough

[Judgment October 2]

A person occupying land downhill from his neighbour owed a duty of care to ensure that that neighbour might suffer no damage because of the downhill occupier's nuisance in allowing the collapse of the land through land slip.

advice on preventing the occur-rence of land slip at that site.

Mr Bruce Mauleverer, QC and Mr Alexander Geotechnical. HIS LORDSHIP said that it was

to land slip, an occupier of land had the same duty of care to his uphill neighbour as that established fin relation to a downhill neighbour] by Leakey and Others v National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty ([1980] I QB 485], that that was a duty which could require the occupier to take positive steps to avert damage to the neighbour and that failure to take such steps could

sound in damages The plaintiffs did not abandon their claim based on removal of support which had its own distinctive attractions and drawbacks.

claim there was a recognised right. whereas the existence of the Leakev type of duty was contested, and negligence was not necessarily a condition for liability. The drawback of the removal of

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Wasps excited by prospect of Brive encounter

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WASPS, who have been accused of reaching the knockout phase of the Heineken Cup through the easist pool, were yesterday given the perfect opportunity to refute such claims when they were drawn to play either Brive, the hold-ers, or Pontypridd, the Welsh champions, in the quarterfinals of the competition over

the weekend of November 8-9. Indeed, the draw, made in Dublin by Tom Kiernan and Michel Palmie, the Irish and French directors of European Rugby Cup Ltd, was so perfect that one might think a degree of manipulation had been used, were not the individuals concerned above reproach. Bath have the chance of a rematch with Cardiff. Leicester the opportunity to garner another win in Pau and Harle-quins must travel to Toulouse, the 1996 cup winners.

The match in Toulouse the price Harlequins pay for their defeat by Munster on Sunday that cost them home advantage — is the only definite draw so far. The others depend on the three play-off matches over the weekend of November 1-2, when Cardiff meet Llanelli, Leicester entertain Glasgow, and Brive, for the third time this season, play

It still rankles with Brive that events off the pitch — the brawl between players from the two clubs - after their

DERRICK PATTERSON, the

international scrum half, will

find out this morning which

side he must play for in Scorland's district champion-

ship, two days before the

A meeting took place at Murrayfield last night to de-

cide whether, when Edin-

burgh face Caledonia Reds

next week, he will be playing

for in European competition

this year in the tournament

that decides which Scottish

sides enter the Heineken Cup

Parterson, capped twice by

Scotland, played for Caledo-

nia throughout their Hein-

eken Cup campaign.

However, Patterson, who was

originally registered by Edin-burgh, switched sides under

the Scottish Rugby Union's

(SRU) new draft system, being

Caledonia expected that

an employee of the Union.

competition begins.

next season.

CUP DRAWS

HEINEKEN CUP: Quarter-finale; Bath v Cardiff or Llanelif, Pau v Leidester or Glasgow, Toutouse v Harlequins; Wasps v Brive or Pontypridd

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE: Quarte-tinals: Stade Français v Gloucaster. Colomiers v Montherrand; Newcastle v Castres, Agen v Connacht Ties to be played on November 8 and 9

game with Pontypridd deprived them of key players and may have cost them leadership of the pool. Instead, home quarter-final and the chance to avenge last season's quarter-final defeat in Cardiff. "It will be a cracking match,

whoever survives the playoff," Andy Robinson, Bath's director of rugby, said, "Until leagues dominated English rugby, our fixtures against Cardiff and Llanelli were the highlights of the season. Such games are steeped in tradition and competing against Welsh clubs helped turn people like me and Nigel Redman into compensive rugby players.

If Wasps do not attract the biggest crowd of their tenancy at Loftus Road for their quarter-final, it will be a surprise. The possibility of a home tie with a French side is very Nigei Melville. Wasps's director of rugby. said. This is not only from a commercial viewpoint, but because they are the European champions, a club who travelled further than most in the first year of professionalism.

Patterson awaits judgment

By Kevin Ferrie

they would have his services

for the season, but Edinburgh declared that they want him back for the district champion-

ship. "The situation was to be

reviewed after the European

pool matches," Nick Oswald.

the Caledonia chief executive,

said, "However, our scrum

half problems have not

compete with Graeme Burns

and Graham Beveridge, his

Scotland A squad colleagues,

although the latter is not at

present playing because of injury. Edinburgh had an-

nounced that Patterson would

be training with them yester-

day, yet instead he trained with Caledonia at Perth and

Oswald questioned whether

another switch would be in the

interest on the part of both

districts, but Derrick is stuck

Obviously there is self-

player's best interests.

changed since then.

"Pontypridd are capable of beating them but their problem is that they have to play off in Brive. Whichever way it goes, it will be a tough tie for us, but we always perform well in the big games. It's the type of test we need going

Melville is convinced that an alluring European quarterfinal will not be a distraction for his players in their intervening domestic commit-ments. We have a job to do in the Allied Dunbar Premiership and it starts on Sunday. against Saracens," he said. We take the view that the next game is always the most important one.'

Leicester, should they beat Glasgow, will return to the Stade Hameau in Pau where they won 19-14 in a pool match last season and uncovered Leon Lloyd, a wing who went on to win England Under-21 honours. Pau's home record has been far more convincing than their away form, whereas Toulouse lost at Les Sept Deniers to Leicester but took leadership of their pool by winning, albeit by a single point, at Welford Road.

Newcastle entertain Castres in the quarter-finals of the European Conference, which will bring them up against Thomas Castaignède, with whom they were linked earlier this year. Gloucester must travel to Stade Français while Connacht's reward for top-ping their pool is an awkward visit to Agen.

in the middle. However, it is playing in Europe with us that

helped him back into the Scotland A squad," he added.

The Murrayfield meeting saw both districts represented

with Jim Telfer, the national

director of rugby, in the chair.

but no decision was being

announced until the player

had been officially informed.

☐ The SRU announced yes-

accreditation scheme, club

rugby in Scotland will benefit

financially by £2.15 million -

a 95 per cent rise on last year.

This investment comes as

something of a reward for

raising the standards of rugby

at the lower levels of the

The scheme is designed to

provide incentives for clubs

that wish to extend their

facilities in the professional

era. Dougie Arneil, the SRU

technical administrator, who

will oversee how the money is

channelled, said: This is a

fantastic opportunity for rug-

by to broaden its base, because

we need to build greater

strength in depth at club level."

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Johnston, in reflective mood, watches Thomson, the second seed, go about his work in the match yesterday

Johnston earns Thomson's respect

By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE World Bowls Tour's top-ranked player, Andy Thomson, an outspoken critic of the mixed game, held off a spirited challenge from the world's best woman bowler, Margaret Johnston, at Preston Guild Hall yesterday to claim a place in the second round of the Bupa Care Homes Open.

Thomson, who has often declared his opposition to women playing in what he considers to be men's championships, met an opponent clearly fired up, one who set her opponent back on his heels by opening the scoring with a full house. Women are supposed be at a disadvantage when aggression is called for but Johnston showed that she was not prepared to conform to stereotype, firing

the jack off the rink on the first

Visibly shaken, Thomson promptly dropped four shots and looked as if he might have to eat his words. Johnston moved into a 5-2 lead after three ends, but Thomson raised his game and allowed her to score on only two more ends on his way to a 7-5, 7-3 victory.

It was Johnston's readiness to play the firm shot that was the real eye-opener, suggesting, perhaps, that, under the circumstances, she felt she needed to prove her point by playing "like a

Thomson, who admitted that John ston had pushed him hard, found a good line and length, but his best work was always under threat from a Johnston

Two seeds fell in the session yest afternoon, Greg Harlow, ranked No 13, going down to Neil Burkett 5-7, 7-1, 0-7, and Ian Schuback, seeded eighth, slipping up against one of the new PBA professionals, Les Gillett.

Burkett, 49, from Cape Town, who skipped the winning four in the Com-monwealth Games in Victoria in 1994. used to be a tidy bowler of another kind. As a league cricketer in South Africa he once dismissed the Pollock brothers,

Graeme and Peter, in the same over. Gillett, 26, has been sneaking into the Guild Hall to practise on the portable rink before breakfast, something that Schuback himself used to do before he won the world title in 1992, and he played with surprising confidence to beat the Australian 7-3, 7-5.

SWIMMING

SAILING

Cayard stretches clear **East German coaches** face drug charges

the former East Germany team, including the man who groomed Franziska van Almsick, the world's wealthiest swimmer, to four Olympic us at the age of 13. Were charged yesterday with causing bodily harm by administering anabolic steroids to 17 teenage girls between 1974 and 1989 (Craig Lord writes).

The charges are the first to result from a criminal investi-gation in Berlin into steroid use in East German sports. It is alleged that the coaches were aware that the steroids could have harmful side-effects but had not told the swimmers, or their parents, what they were being given. The swimmers all suffered considerable disturbance of muscle growth" and, in several cases, pain and changes such as a deeper voice or excessive body hair, according

to Berlin prosecutors.

FOUR swimming coaches to

One of the coaches charged is Dieter Lindemann, mentor to Van Almsick, who won four medals at the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 when she

coaches Van Almsick's boyfriend, Steffen Zesner, a former European freestyle champion - and one of the others charged. Volker Frischke, were hired by the Germany team after unification, but were suspended recently because of the investigation.

Lindemann, 46, faces four counts of causing bodily. harm. Frischke, 53, coach of Kerstin Kielgass, the European 800 metres freestyle champion, faces eight counts. The other two charged are Rolf Glaeser, 57, and Dieter Krause, 50, who is no longer

The four face up to three years in prison if convicted,

on favourable wind PAUL CAYARD, on EF Lan-Farther down the fleet, Lawguage, is beginning to build a rie Smith, on Silk Cut, is now

significant lead over his nearest pursuer in the Whitbread Round the World Race (Edward Gorman slipped back and is 55 miles wards the island of Trindade and then drifting in calms astern of the British boat. after rounding it, the leaders are now enjoying downwind conditions for the first time in more than a week.

Cayard, who is showing a mastery of the Whitbread 60 in all conditions that will worry his pursuers, made the best of the new breeze, as the wind backed to north-northwest, to move 35 miles ahead of Merit Cup.

During a six-hour period yesterday morning. Cayard averaged nearly 14 knots while Innovation Kvaerner in third, 60 miles to the north, managed just under 13 and Merit Cup, in between the two, averaged 11.

on his own in fourth place. though he is 183 miles off the pace. Mark Fischer on Chessie Racing, who had been

The closest battle is that between Toshiba (Chris Dickson) and America's Challenge (Ross Field), who were in sight of each other yesterday, only a mile or so apart, in six and seventh places respectively.

In the Transat Jacques Vabre, Pete Goss and Raphael Dinelli, on BMW Performance, are still third in the monohuli division after four days at sea.

CRICKET

Bailey loses captaincy after poor displays

By RICHARD HOBSON

ROB BAILEY was dismissed as captain of Northamptonshire last night after just two seasons in charge. The 33 year-old former England batsman succeeded Allan Lamb in 1996, but has now paid the price for the county's disappointing show since then.

His replacement is expected to be named within a month. but the club has denied that the Australia leg spiriter. Shane Warne, the club's overseas target for next summer. has been offered the job.

Steve Coverdale, chief executive of Northamptonshire, said yesterday: "Rob has served the dub as captain with dedication and determination. but it's felt that this is an appropriate time to make a change and to introduce a new captain with fresh ideas. My personal view is that his replacement is likely to be an internal appointment.

Jason Gallian, the former England opening batsman. will choose between offers from Middlesex and Nottinghamshire as he seeks to resurrect a promising career that floundered in his last season at Lancashire. He is expected to make a decision at the start of next month after returning from holiday in Mexico.

Although Glamorgan, the champions, and Hampshire have also expressed an interest, Gallian, 26, is anxious to remain at a Test venue.

Gallian an Oxford Blue, made the last of his three Test appearances on the 1995-96 tour to South Africa, but lost his county place to Nathan Wood last season when he cut an increasingly disconsolate figure around Old Trafford.

Mark Taylor's future as Aostralia's one-tiay captain is in doubt after he was left out of the side to play the Australian Cricket Academy later this month. The selectors yesterday named Steve Waugh as the new captain with Shane Warne as his deputy.

Taylor's omission follows the recent announcement by the Australian Cricket Board that it would, in future, select separate squads for Test and limited overs matches.

Bryan Strang broke a team Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh by 192 runs in the President's Cup match in Nairobi

In reply to Zimbabwe's total of 284. Bangladesh were dismissed for 92 in 32.3 overs, with Strang, bowling at medium pace, taking six of the wickets at a cost of 20 runs. Paul Strang's return of five

for 21 against Kenya in the World Cup last year was the previous best bowling by a Zimbabwe player in one-day internationals.

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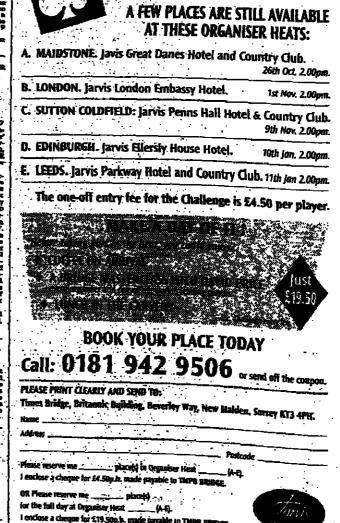
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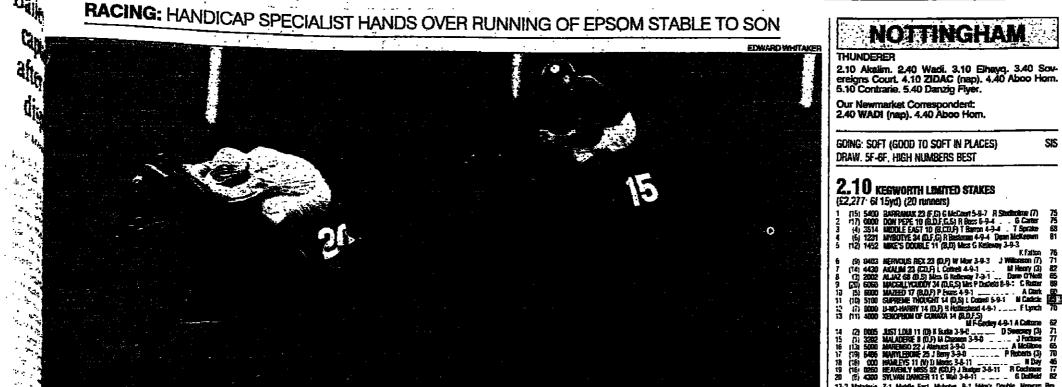
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Face North, the winner of the Victoria Cup and the Royal Hunt Cup, both at Ascot, exemplified Akehurst's skilful placing of his handicappers

Akehurst applies final touch

By Richard Evans RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE massed ranks of bookmakers, ranging from Lad-prokes to the back-row satchel carriers in every Silver Ring, breathed a collective sigh of relief yesterday after Reg Akehurst announced that he is to retire as a trainer at the end of next month.

The Epsorn-based Akehurst, 68, was probably responsible for relieving the netting industry of more-money with his carefully executed handicap coups than any trainer in business today. Akehurst once claimed, one suspects tongue in cheek, that he did not bet, before adding mischievously, "but the mis-

"He was the master of the big handicap and his name was always the first bookmak-

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pricing up those races," Rob Hartnett, of the Tote, said yesterday. "There was no one quite like Reg. He could strike fear into bookmakers' hearts."

Akehurst won most of the Flat season's valuable handicaps, from the six-furlong Wokingham with Astrac, to the Ebor, run over 14m, with Sarawat. He also landed the Royal Hunt Cup with Face North and Red Robbo, who won the race this year.

The victory of Sarawat at York four years ago underlined Akehurst's remarkable ability to sweeten up a cast-off from another yard. The horse had been tailed off on his previous start at Ayr, but landed an enormous touch first time out for Akehurst.

Similarly, in 1993 he acquired Urgent Request, who landed a huge gamble when

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KARAKIA, lightly saced, has more scope for improvement than most of her male

RAINWATCH, well suited by soft ground, could offer some value against the principals

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at Epsom on his stable debut

— before adding a group three race at Haydock.

Akehurst's talents were not confined to the Flat. Victory in the imperial Cup. Swinton Hurdle and Welsh National made him a successful dual-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MARY MAGDALENE (3.00 Haydock Park) Next best: Royal Crown (4.40 Nottingham)

purpose handler. However, three years after he reached retirement age, the time has arrived to step down and let his son, John, take over.

"I have been thinking about it for some time," he said. "I had lunch with one of my

3.30 CHESTNUT CONDITIONS STAKES

4.00 E B F HAWTHORN MAIDEN STAKES

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day and when I mentioned it to him he said 'take a tip, don't

leave it too long'.
"My son will come into the yard and take over. He trained here when he started and sent out about 20 winners, so he knows the place and Epsom Downs, I have spoken to most of the owners and the majority are going to keep their horses here. It could be a great opportunity for him, but I will still be here as an unpaid

assistant."

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DARK MOONDANCER should be able to win a race of this mature

Howing Fortune 121 4th to Recourse in 1m 21 Leicester maiden states (good to fam), Job Rage 161 5th to Tonight's Prox in 1m 2 Pontieract maiden states (good to fam). Regule Back 31 2nd to Dolos to 1m Neumantel maiden states (good). Sabadilla 51 2nd to Carabrooke in 1m 41 Kempton maiden states (good to fam). Smaldam 81 2nd to Delicha in 1m 27 York maiden states (sac) with Sahadilla (same terms) 181 5th and Taborite (same terms) 801 9th. Messica 3341 3nd to Flagship in 1nt 21 Sandown maiden states (good).

· SHADIANN has Sabadilla to beal in a moderate contest

Sandown hardisap (good) 5 Supreme Angel 21 6th to herby's Joy in 51 34yd Newbury handisap (good to Sm), previously 61 2nd to High Carry in 51 Sandown hardisap (good) with Two Williams (same terms) 251 14th. Quiz Master 7/6/1 7th to Kheyrah in 61 Hardisap (good) with Two Williams (same terms) 251 14th. Quiz Master 7/6/1 7th to Kheyrah in 61 Hardisch teodisap (good). Take A Risk 7/1 8th to Kettlesing in 57 Hottengham handisap (good to firm). Sortidar 6/4/1 4th to Prompt Delivery in 51 Pontetact maiden stakes (good to firm). Hostly Whisky 8/4/1 4th to Oriel Girl in 57 Massaburgh handisap (good to firm).

A difficult race to stains in which MARITON MOSS has better form from most

COURSE SPECIALISTS

51 41.2 W flyan 24 23.2 M filts 44 37.3 L Catlori 90 24.4 J flood 110 23.6 J Winawer 18 22.2 G Raten 32 21.9 K Darley

JOCKEYS

SECTIMES 7-2 Marton Mess. 11-2 Tempes Fugit. 6-1 Danzing Icon, 13-2 Take A Risk, 6-7 Sept Classy Clen, Societies; 12-1 others.

5.00 SYCAMORE NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £3,550: 5f) (12 runners)

Long handscap: Risky Wholey 7-8, Regalo 7-7.

SEY AMERICA STANLES (2.3,050): 1111 41) (10 TURNETS)

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50 SOSTERATO 21 JAI's B Woodward) R Philitarband 4-8-0 ... D Goldinos (3)
2-84 FLOWING FORTURE 10 (M of Halldward) F Dunlop 3-8-12 ... J Redd 42 ... D UNegate ... J Redd 42 ... STANLES (2.3,050): 10 Stanles 10

4.30 HOLLY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,696: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

Unfortunately, the opening up of the Melbourne Cup to horses from the northern hemisphere came too late in Akehurst's career for him to consider a crack at Australia's most famous race, a two-mile handicap run this year on November 4 at Flemington.

However, the desire to emulate the victory of the Dermot

becarite in latest race). Boing on which borse has woo (F — first, good to first, land, 6 — good. S — soft, good to soft, beavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any afformance. four years ago remains as strong as ever and two British horses, Arabian Story and Harbour Dues, arrived in Melbourne yesterday after a 26-hour flight.

They have settled into the quarantine complex at Sandown racecourse ion the outskirts of Melbourne) and look fantastic." Les Benton, of the Victoria Racing Club, said. "I have spoken to the grooms of both horses and they said the journey was no problem at

Arabian Story, owned by the Queen and trained by Lord Huntingdon, beat the Lady Herries-trained Harbour Dues in a handicap at Epsom in June but the placings were reversed at Klampenborg in August when the pair met in the Scandinavian Open Championship.

(9) 3510 FLASHTALKBY HUGUS 22 (101.3) to be yet 2 (101.3) to 10.000 STAR OF RBIG 7 (5) M Heaton-East 4-7 ... S Drowns 45 (10) 0003 300G RYPAR'S 7 (2) M Rym 3-9.6 ... P McCabe (3) 44 (1) 0200 MR SPEAUCR 10 (5) C Well 4-9-4 ... G Duffield 79 (2) 0225 C LOUIS HILL 27 (8) P R Hannan 4-9-2 ... Draw O'Nell 75 (16) 400 SMR4GNG THE BLUES 33 R Alectural 3-9-2 ... T Defin 75 (12) 0300 GOLDEN ACT 15 (9.6.5) R Spicer 4-9-1 Dean McKloon (55-1) (16) 0205 MR CUBE 17 (8.0.5 (6.5.5) J Boddey 7-8-13 ... T Spice 70 (18) 0205 MR CUBE 17 (8.0.5 (6.5.5) J Boddey 7-8-13 ... T Recease (7) 70 (13) 1314 WELCOME HEIGHTS 34 (6F.G.S) M 7-80 (9 3-8-13) Footen 79 (13) 1314 WELCOME HEIGHTS 34 (6F.G.S) M 5-80 (9 3-8-13) Footen 79 YESTERDAY'S **RESULTS**

2.20 (6) 1, Daybreak (P Fessey, 12-1); 2 Kettlesing (5-1 lav); 3, Liberte Bell (7-1), 12 ran, ki, ki, J Watis, Tote £17.00; 54.00 £2.60, £2.90 OF: £101.80. CSF. £22.65 Tingash £422.75 Title £411.30. Trusst £422 75 Trior £411.30. 2.50 (Im 21 162/gd) 1, Beggorat (Derren Moffatt, 11-4): 2, Grate Times (13-2); 3, Deadine Time (13-8 lay) 5 ran. 5h hd, 61 D Moffatt, Tote: £3 30; £1:50, £3.20. DF: £7.00. CSF: £18.06. 3.20 (Im 81 13yd) 1, Wahibe Sands (K Darley, 4-1); 2, Hill Farm Buses (14-1); 3, Ledgendy, Line (3-1); 4-ba), Nightark 3-1; fax, 9 can. 44, 81, J Durriso, Tota: £4 10; C1 en £4 90, £1 en DE: £5 en Trior

£1.60, £4.80, £1.60. DF: £25.90 Trio: £50.40 CSF: £55.78 Tricast: £178.00 250.40. CSP., 25.00. The 25.30 min. 250.40. CSP: 255.78 Threast 2178 00 3.50 (1m 2) 1, Tabberann (K Derley, 6-1); 2, Ricardo (6-4 ke); 3, Waterwave (5-2) 9 ran 2, 1141 L Curnent Toter 24-40, (71.10, £1.10,

Placepot: £46.00 Quedpot: £12.70.

Leicester

Control Control George Good to soft 1.30 (719 of) 1. Brave Revent (J. Feed, 3-1), 2. Coltic Pageart (5-4 tay); 3. Krisambe (25-1), 1.3 ran, NRT Alcayde 114, 1-4, M Soute, Tota, 55.20, 51.20, 51.20, 51.80, 50.50 (55.40 Time \$43.60 CSF 57.08 2.00 (71 yel) 1. Social Charter (J. Feid, 10-1); 2. Swing Sister (10-1); 3. Mutchen (2-1 tay) 7 ran, M, Val P Chapple Hyam, Total 59 70; 52.40, 55.00 DF 532.50 CSF 534.88.

245-20. 1107 Leads 90. CSF 1547-24 Interest 1551-97.

3.30 (1m 8yd) 1. Star Precision (S. Drowne. S-1); 2. Keybooge (13-8); 3. Prevar (11-8 ise), 3. ran. 154. rk. G. Beitlang Tote: 54.20 DF (23-30) CSF: 65.20.

4.00 (1m 31 183yd); 1. Swan Hurster (R. Mullen, 9-2); 2. Newai Garres (2-1 fav); 3. Sestropet; (8-1), 17 ran. 1847 Toto: Jewell, 51. 154. D. Cosgrow. Tote: 55-90; 17. 70, 12-20. CSF: 15.08.

4.30 (1m 11 218yd); 1. Prioto Prima (G. Duffield, 4-1 lar, Richard Evarier's riago); 2. Boranca Peek (13-2); 2. North Red (9-11); Calendula (6-1); 19 can. Sh hd, 31 M Prescott Tote. 6:390: 12-50, 64-90, 12-50, 51.70. USF: 123-90 Thor 568.70. CSF: 122-94 Thosast 5234-25.

5.00 (1m 8yd); 1. Mantatasts (C. Patter, 4-1); 2.

E32.84 Treast: 5234.25
5.00 (fm 8yd) 1, Mantiess (C Rutter, 4-1); 2
TA And ff 8-1); 3, Bramming (6-4 las); 17 ran
NR. Benng Gafts, Norsen, Mystagogue, 1-14;
4, P Harris, Tote: 54.70; 51.40; C174 10,
21.10. DF: £125.70. Trio. 578.00. CSF:
572.88
Jackpot: not won (pool of 58,344.91
carried ferward to Haydock Park today);
Plecepot: \$421.00 Guadpot: \$19.90.

Sedgefield

Secigefield
Going: good to firm
2:10 (2m st. 10yd hole) 1, Gezanah (N. Harndy, 4-1 lav), 2, Sweet Coseau (6-1); 3, Findock (9-2), 11 cm. %, 44, G Moore Tote
44-10; 15-50, 5:300 S. 21, 0.0 F- (27-50 Tric)
228.00, CSF: \$265.57. Tricts.1. C103.94.
2-40 (2m 11 hole) 1, Bures (F. Callaghan,
8-1); 2, Mr Montague; 13-8 fan), 3, Spring
Londed (12-1), 8 ran, 5, 334; Mrs. J Birown,
Tote: £15.00; £3.30; £1.10; £2.00. DF:
£10.40, CSF: £20.71 Tricast £146.69
3, 10 (2m 51 floyd hole) 1, Fatahadduir (C. McCormach, 9-2); 2, Eden Dancer (4-1), 3,
Acajou (8-13-1) Monaco Gold 11-10 lav, 4
ran, Hd. 29. B Effectin. Tote: £4 10, DF:
£9.50, CSF: £18.31.
3,40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Suas Leaf (E. Callaghan, 13-8 law); 2, Cross Cermon (9-2);
3, Monaing in May (12-1) 7 ran 8, 71. Jefferson, Tote: £2.40, £1.80, £1.90. DF:
£2.70, CSF: £9.37.
4,10, Sam 32 ch) 1, Overflowing River (A. S.

22.70 Cm 32 ch) 1, Overflowing River (A S Smith, 5-1); 2, Galen (6-4 lav), 3, Manner Rhyme (12-1), 7 rsn. 3, 81 J Wade Tote (93.0), (22.60, (1.50, DF C12.70, CSF: (12.70) 212 69
4.40 (2m 51 ch) 1, Chester (A Megure, 4-5 faut; 2, Edutate (33-1); 3, Tony's Feelings (9-2), 7 ran. 6, 4, H. Johnson. Totar C1 50; E1 30, E7-90 DF: E25-10 CSF: E25-21.
5.10 (2m 11 fac) 1, Justin Med (F. Leshy. 2-1), 2, Thundesport (13-2); 3, Erame (12-1) Brother Of Iris 10-11 law. 14 am. 6, 19-1, 19-20; and (13-2); 3, Erame (12-1) Brother Of Iris 10-11 law. 14 am. 6, 19-1, 19-20; and (13-2); 210, 23-00; 21-50. DF: C26-70. CSF-£18-15
Placetor £106-50 Coundoot: 532-90

4.10 RAINWORTH CLAIMING STAKES (£2,277: 1m 54yd) (18)

9 (16) 0002 EASTLEIGH 18 (D.S) N *CONCREC 6-8-11 | Eas Watco (7) | E7 |
10 (8) 0850 SALTANDO 8 (D.F.) Par blochel 6-8-11 | P. Boomheld 67 |
11 (5) 0800 DISPOL OWARDER 25 (F) G 0:5000 4-8-10 | K. Hodyson 5-10 | I. T. Cyszle 5-13 | (14) 6000 | PRST 601D 103 (C.F.G.S.) J Witzens 5-8-3 | A. Clark 51 | (13) 005 | WALSENS OS N Literator 5-8-8 | T. G. Mallarythm 5-15 | (13) 005 | WALSENS OS N Literator 5-8-8 | T. G. Mallarythm 5-15 | (14) 005 | WALSENS OS N Literator 5-8-8 | C. Faulton (5) 81 | (17) 4000 | C. Faulton (6) 81 | (17) 4000 | C. Faulton (7) 81 | (17) 5000 | HADAMABRI E 28 Par Marchal 4-8-6 | Dean McKennel 5-7 | (19) 0000 | CENEROUS PRESENT 8 (D.F.) | W Paper 4-8-5 | Scarce (7) | 45 | C. Faulton (7) | 45 | C. Fau

Jacqueline Eggant (7) 45
7-2 Brightlane, 6-1 Special-K 7-1 Zidat, 6-1 Scanzer 16-1 Effentionence
Munautam Rock bland Line, 12-1 other;

4.40 CALVERTON MAIDEN STAKES

(4,208 Tm 61 15yd) (10)

(13) BDAT OTBRG J G Smyt-Ostmane 4-9-7 Dane OTBell
(7) 6 CORPORATE MARSE 12 R Sampson 7-3-7 M Gallagher
(5) 45 DUNASRATTRI 24 D Thom 4-9-7 M Gallagher
(6) 0 DUTION 35 G Enoglis-9-7 M Gallagher
(7) 6 0 DUTION 35 G Enoglis-9-7 Paul Eddery
(8) 0 STARLISHT WAN LZER 371 M Extigator 4-9-7 Paul Eddery
(8) 0 STARLISHT WAN LZER 371 M Extigator 4-9-7 S Drowner
(11) 5403 ABDO 400M 21 A Steward 3-8-12 K fathon
(12) 2 BUNARA 12 M Chamnon 3-9-12 J Fortune
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(15) 6422 ENERS RESE 23 M Candy 3-8-12 C Rutter
(15) 6404 BLANES RESE 23 M Candy 3-8-12 C Rutter
(16) 6422 ENERS RESE 23 M Candy 3-8-7 A Median 13
(16) 6404 PUTERI WENT-ROWTH 68 Mich G Felloway 1-8-7
A Median 13. 5-2 Mode Colony, 7-2 Royal Grown, 5-1 About Hoon, 7-1 Basera, 5-1 Big Fares 14-1 for Int. 16-1 Puters Merchanish, 20-1 others.

5.70 WOODBOROUGH HANDICAP

(£4,565: 2m 9yd) (17) (17) 0616 PEGENT OF HEIGHTS 16 (F) Lady Hernes 4-9-11 I Sprake
(5) 1009 TURKEDEV 11 (6.5) R Extraon 6-9-11 Dean Matternam
(7) 002-0 OWADEF 56 (6) GH 2009 5-9-7 ... J Fortime
(8) 00-0 KADASTROF 188J (C.D.G.S) R Debis 7-9-7 Date O'Neal
(17) 1401 RANDOM KINDRESS 12 (D.F) R legan 4-9-2 A McGooce
(7) 3314 GTY HAUL 5 (V.D.J. M Soude 3-9-1 ... T Gusta
(10) 1301 TOURINY TURKOSE 14 (D.F) Most G Kellendy 3-8-12
(10) 1301 TOURINY TURKOSE 14 (D.F) Most G Kellendy 3-8-12

5.40 HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,716: 1m 1f 213yd) (13) 3-1 Ware Rock, 4-1 Jamonn Dancer, 6-1 Smiling Voter 7-1 Casano Ace, 8-1 Heathquide Shelk, Tokov, 10-1 Danceg Flyer, Spirito, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS: H Cecil, 20 atmness from 70 runners, 28 6%. P Chapple-Hyan, 4 from 15, 25 7%, H Babhaga, 3 from 13, 23 1%: E Dazleg, 4 from 19, 21.1%; Mics 6 Kelleway, 4 from 21, 19 0%. P Makin, 8 from 42, 19 0%.

JOCKEYS: D O'Donoboe, 4 winners from 79 rides, 21.1%, D Sweeney, 4 Iron 21, 19.0%, R Muden, 5 Iron 28, 37.9%, R Hills, 16 Iron 94, 17.0%, K Fallon, 24 Iron 15.8%, Paul Eddery, 15 Iron 96, 15.6%, A Wheten, 4 Iron 26, 15.4%

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 2.10 Don Papa, Mazaed, Hamleys: 3.40 Jack Flush, Haydook Paric 5.00 Ouz-

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Hop 9-0 T Sprake
R Hills

M Henry (3) R Cochaine

2.40 EBF TWO-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN STAKES (Dav I: 2-Y-0: \$4,045: 1m 54yd) (13)

15-8 Waris 7-2 Motataris, 9-2 Hernett Borderer, 7-1 Jaszem, 8-1 Dece 20-1 Caracter, On The Regist Side, Filicier, 75-1 others.

3.10 EBF MAIDEN STAKES

(Div II: 2-Y-O: £4,013: 1m 54yd) (12)

3.40 THURGATON HANDICAP

(£3,824: 1m 54yd) (18)

13-8 Conside, 3-1 Elhaya, 9-2 El El. 7-1 Bratge, 8-1 Sirp Ventore, 10-1 Hasta 14-1 Edwardian Eliza Action, 25-1 others.

(11) 0003 RAIGHATAB 8 (0.F.G) J.J Chann 5-9-13 R. Handin (3) (6) 8000 TAL-Y-LLYN 36 (5) B Hills 3-9-9 Paul Eddery (15) 2400 JACK FILESH 14 (V.D.S) 8 Rethned 3-9-8 J. Fortune (9) 3510 RASHTALION RACOO 22 (CD.S) C Dayer 3-9-8

2.20 Country Orchid, 2.50 Leviticus, 3.20 Rive Marble.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 HALLFIELD NOVICES HURDLE (£3,090: 2m 4l 110yd) (13 runners)

10-11 County Octobs, 5-1 Markinoum, 6-1 Topoglow, 7-1 Lord Restat, 8-1 Hopeled Lord, 14-1 Som Champagne, 16-1 Phatmony, 25-1 others

2.50 GOLDSBOROUGH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,810: 2m) (10)

6-5 Leviticus, 11-4 Moranch's Porsuit, 13-2 Dates Bay, 7-1 Sood Judge, 8-1 Lance-G, 16-1 Mor Performer, Snoble'n jo, 20-1 others

3.20 BOBBY RENTON NOVICES HANDICAP

7-2 Lutic Tenchera, 4-1 Cog Hanti Dinezar, 9-2 Rye Crossing, 6-1 Lepton, 7-1 Tosiamo, 10-1 Two For One, 12-1 Certagh Peter, Boston Man, 20-1 others

3.50 TONY DICKINSON HANDICAP CHASE (£4,367: 2m 4f 110yd) (6) 1 316- BERTONE 169 (BF,D,F,G) K Builey B-T1-12 N Williamson 2 514- CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 161 (CD,F,G,S) T Easterby 8-11-6

3 P4U- MASTER BOSTON 195 (CD.F.G.S) 9 Woodhouse 9-11-4 W Dwan
4 /54- STRATH ROYAL 210 (D.F.G.S) 0 Becomen 11-10-13 M Bresman
5 25-3 SPAMISH LIGHT 33 (D.F.G.S) Alts 5 Williamson 10-10-0
6 2/O- POPESHALL 274 (D.F.G.S) Alts 5 Williamson 10-10-0

6-4 Cumbrian Chaffenge, 11-4 Bertone, 9-2 Master Boston, 6-1 Straft Royal, 8-7 Spanesh Ught, 33-4 Popeshall

4.20 Yorkshire-tyne tees television handicap hurble (£3,600: 2m) (5)

1 11/3 WELSH MILL 48F (CD.G.S) Mis M Reveloy 8-11-10 ... P Niven 2 316- JACKSON PARK 235 (D.G.) T Extently 4-11-9 ... L Wyer 3 5-12 SECRET SERVICE 32 (D.G.S) C Thernton 5-11-9 ... M Foster 4 722- HIGHEANK 333 (BF.CD.F.S) Mis M Revelor 5-11-7 M H Narophino (5) 5 P-P3 KERNOF 46 (D,F) M Harmond 4-10-7 R Gan 5-2 Secret Sentee, 3-1 Weish MBI, 4-1 Highbank, Kernot, 9-2 Jackson Park.

4.50 ASKHAM RICHARD NOVICES HANDICAP

HURDLE (£3,043: 3m 1f) (11)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 48 winners from 180 numers. 26.7% K Bailey, 3 from 14, 21.4% T Easterby, 10 from 52, 19.2%, Mrs S Sandi, 15 from 96, 15 ffs, M W Easterby, 14 from 109, 12.8%; R Woodhouse, 3 from 24, 12.5%; J J O'Neil, 4 from 25, 11.4% JOCKEYS: P Haven, 44 witners from 166 rides, 26.5%, R Johnson, 7 from 27, 25.9%, L Wyer, 37 from 156, 22.7%, R Guest, 17 from 77, 22.1%, E Callaghan, 5 from 23, 21.7%, K Johnson, 5 from 45, 11.1%, N Williamson, 4 from 37, 10.6%.

☐ Edelweis Du Moulin, a useful hurdler, is likely to make his debut over fences in the Weatherbys/Hiscox Household Insurance Novices' Chase at Kempton Park on Saturday. His trainer, Gordon Richards, also sends Buckboard Bounce for the Charisma Gold Cup on the same card.

Pilsudski 11-8 for Champion

PILSUDSKI has been made 11-8 favourite for the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday by Coral. Michael Stoute confirmed the five-year-old a definite starter and ruled out Singspiel. Coral also bets: 4-1 Benny The Dip, 5-1 Loup Sauvage, 6-1 Stow-away, 7-1 Desert King, 12-1 Bahhare, 14-1 Revoque, 25-1 Bijou D'Inde, 100-1 No Slouch.



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(£4,751: 1m 3i 200yd) (7 runners) Bend Wavy 271 10th to McGillycuddy Reeks in 11km York handles (good). Medicale Militare 50 last of 7 to Bahamian Sussitive in 11km Society of the Society of

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3.00 MAPLE HANDICAP

Montandre 8/61 8th to Distinctive Dream in 61 Kempton bandscape (good to firm). Russhoutter Bay 'Vid 4th to Stand fait in 61 Kempton bandscape (good to firm). Russhoutter Bay 'Vid 4th to Stand fait in 61 Kettingtern bandscape (good to firm). Russhoutter Bay 'Vid 4th to Stand fait in 61 Kettingtern bandscape (good to firm) samwar 541 fulls to Cambras Heart In 51 York hardscap (good) with Bee Hearth Boy teams terms) 18th First Maker 546 fish to State Of Caution in 18th Workshampton Inerdicap (And) with Garmock Valley (4th better off) 7/61 8th and Spanisarts Close 18th Hearth Boy teams terms) 18th Alaministy and 111 9th to Donetime in 61 Membrandscap (good). Alaxays Alight 19th In Previous View in 61 Annalison (good to soft) State Barrose (2th better off) 81/61 15th or Samusing Staht 122 fish to March Crusades in 61 Hamilton conditions states (good) and calculation beat Usind Account 1741 in 67 Reduct maiden (good in firm). Many Magdalens 541 7th to Frends Ca in course and distance handscap (good) with Dovebrace (55b better off) last Greaterns 53/61 3rd to Lord High Admiral in 51 Satisbury handscap (good to soft) with Couniche Greater 1970 18 7th.

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Cup brings

Aberdeen

a welcome

diversion

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ABERDEEN will be hoping

to put their lamentable Bell's

wins in their past 28 games.

Like their counterparts in

England, Scottish clubs are

disappointed that winning the Coca-Cola Cup will not bring a reward of a place in the Uefa

Cup. This is a big tourna-ment for the players and the

supporters. It is a trophy we certainly want to win." Jim Leighton, the Scotland goal-keeper, said yesterday. It is such a shame that there is no

European place at the end of it and I fail to understand the

reasoning behind it.
Leighton, the former Man-chester. United goalkeeper, last won a medal in his home-

land in 1986, when Aberdeen

beat Hearts in the Scottish

Cup final. "It has been a long

time since I won a medal and

nobody wants one more than

Roy Aitken, the manager, said the Coca-Cola Cup had

been "devalued" because of Uefa's stance. This is the first

trophy that will be won in Scotland (this season) and we

Aberdeen will be without

Billy Dodds, the Scotland

striker, who is suspended.

and Eoin Jess, who has an

ankle injury.

Dundee United have de

feated two premier division sides - Hibernian and Rang-

ers - on their way to the semi-

finals, as well as Queen of the

South. "The problem for us

this season has been inconsis

tency, but we have addressed

that in the cup competitions

and have to be positive tomor

row," Tommy McLean, the manager, said.

Duffy are still injured, but

Steven Thompson, the Scot-land Under-21 forward, has

been included in the Dundee

United squad. The winner tonight will meet Dunferm-

in the first semi-final at Ibrox

The Scottish Sports Council

and the Football Trust an-

would work together, using

money from the Lottery

Sports Fund, to complete

ground improvements as rec-

ommended in the Taylor re-

port. Allan Alstead. the

Scottish Sports Council chief

executive, said that about £9

million would be released

over the next four years for the

work. Non-league clubs also

would be able to apply for

yesterday they

last night.

funding.

Ray McKinnon and Neil

want it badly," he said.

Wallace brothers prepare for reunion

By Russell Kempson

THOUGH many of the fattest cats of the FA Carling Premiership now treat the Coca-Cola Cup with barelydisguised contempt, the humble representatives of the Nationwide League still take it seriously. For some, it relieves the often humdrum existence of life in the lower divisions: for others, the competition cari generate 20 per cent of their gross income. Either way, they

In the new-style third round this evening, in which extra time and penalties have replaced the need for replays, it is the turn of Stoke City. West Bromwich Albion and Hull City to share the limelight. For Stoke and Leeds United, who play at the Britannia Stadium, much of the attention will focus on the Wallace twins, Ray and Rod.

Ray is the Stoke midfield

Manchester United were told yesterday that any attempt to sign the Chile striker. José Marcello Salas, will be rejected, at least until the end of the season. Salas's Argentinian club. River Plate, are understood to have refused a bid of £13 million from United.

player and Rod the Leeds The 28-year-olds started their careers at Southampton, moved on to Elland Road in 1991 and only parted company three years ago, when Ray joined Stoke on a free transfe

'I rang Rod the day after the third-round draw and we had a chuckle about it," Ray Wallace said yesterday. "I had a good time at Leeds, but I don't think I've got anything to prove to them. I'm just looking forward to the game.

Rod is playing really well at the moment. He is one of miership when he's at his best. He's definitely quicker than me, but he's not the bravest of players. If there's going to be a 50-50 tackle between us. 1 reckon I'll win it."

West Bromwich also face a severe examination when they take on Liverpool at The Hawthorns. They lie in fourth position in the first division, three places above Stoke, but have yet to encounter such high-class Coca-Cola opposition. In the previous rounds, they defeated Cambridge United and Luton Town.

Even if Paul Ince, the Eng-

land captain, is rested after his exertions against Italy in Rome, Liverpool still have immense strength in depth. "If you look at their players individually, you might start to get a bit worried. John Trewick, the West Bromwich furst-team coach, said, "At least we won't have to motivale our lads too much.

"If anything, we might have to play down the game. It'll help relieve some of the tension and maybe take away a bit of the pressure." Victory for West Bromwich might convince Ray Harford, the manager, that he should now agree his contract, which has re mained unsigned since he joined the club in February.

Hull from the nether regions of the third division. sprang a surprise in the second round when they knocked out Crystal Palace on the away-goals rule. A repea against Newcastle United at St James' Park is unlikely. especially as Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, has confirmed that he will field his

strongest available line-up.
"We will be giving this game the same importance as any other," Dalglish said. It would be disrespectful to Hull and to ourselves to treat it in any other way." Newcastle have sold more than 31,000 tickets for the tie, at least ensuring that Hull have a decent pay-day as they beat a hasty retreat, in all likelihood, back to Humberside.

Nevertheless, Mark Hate-ley, the Hull manager, is quietly optimistic. "We seem to play better when we're not expected to succeed," he said. "I just hope the players enjoy the game. Not many of them will have played at a ground like St James' Park before."

In the four all-Premiership ties, Chelsea play Blackburn Rovers, Everton visit Coventry on Derby County and Aston Villa travel to West Ham United. Middlesbrough and Sunderland meet in a North East derby at the Riverside Stadium, with Bryan Robson. the Middlesbrough manager, asking the rival supporters to

stay calm. Violence broke out after his side's 2-1 first division win against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light last month. "Everyone should show common sense and enjoy the game," he said. "I want it to be a spectacle for the right



Rod Wallace, the Leeds United striker, has the speed to trouble any defence, according to his twin brother, Ray

Arsenal offer to hand out refunds

By MATT DICKINSON

ARSENAL offered refunds to supporters unhappy at the absence of first-team players for their Coca-Cola Cup game against Birmingham last night, but short-changing is likely to remain an issue surrounding the controversial competition for some time to

The Premiership leaders followed Manchester United's example by fielding second-string side at Highbury, a strategy their northern rivals have pursued for the past two seasons, and maintained at Ipswich in the third round last night.

offered to reimburse fans who felt cheated by the lack of regular players such as David Seaman, lan Wright and Dennis Bergkamp. Claire Tomlinson, a spokeswoman for the club, said: "We had a couple of calls from supporters and have offered to give money back to any who turned up with a ticket and

Talk that both clubs, and other leading Premiership teams such as Chelsea, who will also rest international players, might be expelled from the competition was denied yesterday by the Football League, the competition's

organising body. With Coca-Cola less than 12 months into a three-year sponsorship agreement, the League is highly unlikely to throw out two of the country's biggest draws and risk upsetting television and corporate

Dennis Signy, a League spokesman, said: "Expulsion not a consideration. The Coca-Cola Cup is of importance to the whole of English football because of the money

David Sheepshank, chair-Football League - who both have a policy of conciliation over the issue -- carefully sidestepped controversy.

He claimed that Ipswich supporters would be happy to watch any team that United mustered, and added: "Both United and Arsenal had players with England in Rome. Premiership clubs are committed to the Coca-Cola Cup and it is practice to use a squad system. Cheisea for example, are putting out different sides for every game and you can query what is their strongest side."

Smith calls for postponements

By RICHARD HOBSON

JIM SMITH, the Derby County manager, has called upon the FA Premier League to adopt a more flexible approach when players are called away for international duty. Derby will have to face Liverpool on October 25 with four of their first-team squad elsewhere preparing for the first leg of the World Cup play-

The FA Premier League, which runs the FA Carling Premiership, has said that all scheduled matches for the weekend in question must be played and Smith is resigned to contesting the game with a expects to lose Igor Stimac and Aliosa Asanovic to Croatia and Lee Carsley to Ireland, while Stefano Eranio has been called into Italy's preliminary

squad.

Liverpool can expect to be without the Ireland pair of Jason McAteer and Phil Babb, with Mark Kennedy also joining the squad. Elsewhere, Chelsea, Newcastle United and Aston Villa will also be affected.

Smith, forced to release Mauricio Solis and Paulo Wanchone to Costa Rica and Deon Burton to Jamaica earlier in the season, believes that the Premier League should introduce a policy close to that of the Football League, where clubs have the automatic right to a postponement if three or more players are with their

He said: "I do not know

whether the figure should be two, three or four players, but it must be fair that if a team has to give up a certain number, then it has the right to postpone the game. Those who are called away are likely to be among your best for them to be internationals. A side should not be penalised

The Premier League main-

tains that it is adopting a

consistent stance in taking an overview of weekend activities. Last season, the chairmen of the 20 clubs agreed to postpone two rounds of matches on December 14 and March 29 en bloc, although those unaffected by international cails were allowed to proceed with their fixtures. ☐ Markus Munch, the Bayern Munich midfield player. has joined Newcastle United on a week's trial. The 25-yearold could be available for a fee of £600,000.

SQUASH

Jansher meeting looms for Britons

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN

Scotlish League premier divi-sion form behind them and PETER NICOL, of Scotland. reach the Scottish Coca-Cola and Simon Parke, of England, Cup final for the second time are set to meet in the quarterin three years when they meet finals of the Egyptian Open Dundee United at Tynecastle championship here for the right to challenge Jansher Victories over Dumbarton, Khan in the last big tourna-Dundee and Stirling Albion ment before the World Open. have given Aberdeen support which he has refused to deers something to cheer about amid a league run of only two

fend, in Malaysia next month. Jansher faces a child maintenance claim if he sets foot in Malaysia and therefore he has declined to defend a title that he has won eight times. His plan appears to be that by gaining emphatic wins in the Egyptian Open and in the Qatar International after the world championships, he will devalue the achievement of whoever takes his world title in Kuala Lumpur.

Nicol, the world No 3, who defeated Alex Gough, the Welsh champion, 15-11, 15-10, 15-14 in 65 minutes yesterday. and Parke, the world No 5, who needed ten minutes less to dispose of Danny Meddings 15-14, 15-6, 15-9, are firmly among the group eyeing the unexpected opportunity of picking up a world crown that has gone to non-Pakistanis only twice in the past 15 years.

Their chances should be enhanced by the recent loss of form by Rodney Eyles, the world No 2, of Australia. who lost in the first round here to Craig Wapnick, a South Afri-can qualifier. Wapnick himself was easily overcome yesterday in the second round 15-13, 9-15, 15-13, 15-11 by Julian

Bonetat, of France. Eyles was previously beater in the first rounds of both the Hong Kong and US Open by Peter Marshall, the former world No 2 who has made such a good return from chronic fatigue syndrome that he finds himself among those hipped as potential world champions next month. Marshall has missed the Egyptian Open to save himself for the

self was due to meet Brett Martin, of Australia, late last night with Ahmed Barada, Egypt's favourite son looming

. In other second-round matches here last night, three Britons were in action. Nick to tracet Anthony Hill, of Australia, while Del Harris, of 🍃 Essex, was due to play Mark Chaloner, of Lincolnshire. Cassandra Jackman, of

England, overcame a nervous start to defeat Kym Keevil, an Australian qualifier, in their opening match at the women's world championships yesterday. Jackman will play Claire Nitch, the No 12 seed from South Africa, in the next

FOR THE RECORD

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v Boreham Wood; Yeovili Town v Hayee; St Albans City v Handon; Haybridge Switts v Ashrard Town, Chaltenham Town v Sutton Unted; Bronosgrove Rovers v Romdord; Kirg's Lyrin v Salisbury City, Gloucester City v Wisbach Town; Enfletir v Carshalton Athelic; Stough Town v Kingstonlan; Stitingbourne v Heretord United, Northern saction; Gainsborough Trinity v Halitac, Town; Rumcom v Marine or Lincoln United; Handow United United or Reddition United v Northwich Victoria; Riesslom Cown Haye Handow; Numberton Borough v Entley, Warsford United or Arnold Cann v Pernith; Southout v Northernby United; Stalybridge Celbe v Solihail Borough; Knyparisey Victoria v Boston United; Altrincham v Morecambe.

HOCKEY ADELAIDE: Champions Trophy: Sout Korea 3 Pakistan 1; Australia 2 Germany 0

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated * denotes all-ticket match Coca-Cola Cup Third round

Chelses v Blackburn (7.45)
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West Ham v Aston Villa (7.45) Scottish Coca-Cola Cup

Semi-final Aberdeen v Dundee Utd

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division

DR MARTENS LEAGUE Midland di-visions RC Wanwelly Paget R. Raunds Tv VS Rughy, Solihuli Boro v Moor Green. Southern division: Baldock v Winney. Dartford v Margate, Newport AFC v Weston-super-Mare League Cupt First round, first leg: Havani v Weymouth. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton v Charlton (2.0); Oxford United v Chaises (at Witney Town FC): Swindon v Ipszich (7.15); Tokanism Horspur v Norwich (at Leyton Onera FC). PONTIN'S LEAGUE First division: Huddesdeid v Oldham (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Barnsley (7.15); Rochdale v Weerlan (7.0). Stressbury Vook (7.0). Stockoort v Shaffield United (7.0). Stockoort v Shaffield United (7.0). Socarborough v Scunthope (7.0), Wigan v Bury (7.0).

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COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Feithern v

NORTH WEST COUNTIES FLOODLIT TROPHY: Ramsbottom v Mossley. incurrit; Ramsbottom v Prescot Cables v Rossandale. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-vision: Cowes Sports v Esstleigh PRITERIANK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: In-vitation Cup: Superhill v Watsall Wood FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Lincot United v Manne; Croydon v Bonner Bonne

NATIONWIDE GOLD CUP: Section C: GILBERT LEAGUE CUP: First round, finst leg: First Town v Welshpool, Phayader Town v Carmarthen Town. FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Quarterfinat: Home Fam: v Cobb Remblers.

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Sports Centre, 4.30). OTHER SPORT CETBALL: Budwelser League: 108, Valley Tigers v Manchester Glants National Cup: Plymouth v London rs (7.30j.

SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Bournemouth) SNOOTEE'S Gaino Hist (in Bournemous) SPEEUWHY: Sout Trophy Internationals England v United Stales (in Poole, 730). Young Shield: Senti-final: Long Eason v Edinburgh (7.45). Restponed: Oceanic Classic (in Hull. 7.30).

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Kafelnikov (Ruse) bt B Stenen (NC) 6-1, 6-7, 7-6; T Martin (US) bt O Malts (Fr) 6-2, 7-8.

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A G Sidot (Fr) bt K Habasudosa (Sloveska) 62, 7-6; N Faustat (Fr) bt K Bu (US) 6-3, 6-7,
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6-3; V Welleems (US) bt R Dragdinis (Rom) 80, 6-3. THE TIMES/DILLONS FORUM

An evening with Kevin Keegan

Times/Dillons forum tomorrow in London with Kevin Keegan, the former manager of Newcastie United. Keegan, who was also an England international footballer, will be the star speaker on a panel which will include Oliver Holt, football correspondent of The Times. Among the topics for discussion are details of Keegan's sudden departure from



Newcastle last season, his views on modern management his return to football with Fulham and England's World Cup prospects.

The forum marks the publication of Keegan's My Autobiography (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London SWI at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him.

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* Clarke sent from Coventry to fulfil foreign role

FOOTBALL

he influx of foreign players into England shows no sign of abating As clubs increasingly turn abroad to bolster their ranks. Coventry City have taken the next logical step by appointing a full-time European scout.

For Ray Clarke, the job is a labour of love. For a club that can ill afford exorbitant transfer fees, particularly after announcing a record loss of £10 million last week, it is likely to prove a shrewd investment.

"I think, because of the openness of the European Community, the drift towards foreign players is irreversible," Clarke said. "My job is to find the best ones before they become well known and the vultures at other places leave their branches. If I can find one or two players a year. I have earned my money." Clarke is based on the

outskirts of Amsterdam. Having lost his job as reserve-team coach at Southampton, he was approached by Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairRichard Hobson on an innovative scouting

appointment that other

clubs may well copy

Gordon Strachan was in the process of restructuring the scouting network and felt that Clarke's knowledge and con-tacts abroad could be utilised. A prolific striker in the lower divisions in England, Clarke joined Sparta Rotter-dam from Mansfield Town in 1976 on the recommendation

of Bill McGarry, then the

manager of Wolverhampton .Clarke subsequently joined Ajax and played in Johan Cruyff's testimonial match against Bayern Munich in 1978. He helped them to the league and cup double the next year and, after a brief spell with FC Bruges, returned to England in 1980 to play for Brighton. A hip injury fin-ished his career while at

Edwards' support for terracing condemned

The Football Trust yesterday strongly opposed moves to bring back terracing to the leading grounds in England and Scotland after Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chief executive, said that there might be a case for what he described as "safe standing"

Richard Faulkner, the Football Trust deputy chairman, said: "We would consider such a move a retrograde step by clubs in the top divisions. There has been a great trans-formation in stadiums since the Taylor report and a great deal of money spent.

"Facilities have been considerably improved, not just in the seating areas, but throughout the grounds generally. But really it is not a decision for us to take. It is essentially a decision for

The Football Association

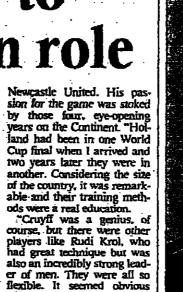
have also voiced their disapproval of Edwards's plan. "I think we would be taking a step back in time," the SFA

president, Jack McGinn, said. Faulkner and McGinn were at Hampden Park yesterday morning for the official launch of the Football Trust's partnership with the Scottish Sports Council. The alliance will have an important role to play in

tions of the Taylor report. They will also consider from the Lottery Sports Fund and the Football Trust finances for work at the grounds of Scottish league

completing the recommenda-

Faulkner said: "Today's announcement is a tremendous boost for Scottish football and: a further vote of confidence in the Trust as the only national body with the remit to help the game at all levels and in



why England were miles behind at the time," he said. The workload is enormous. Clarke is now in the middle of a seven-match tour that began with the Holland Under-21 international last Friday and includes games in France and Germany, before it finishes in Belgium on Saturday.

The job can be a bit insular at times." Clarke said. "Last week I made a 1,000-mile round trip to Rennes, not realising quite how far away is was, but I saw a young lad of 19 who is worth keeping tabs

"I had never worked with Gordon before, so my biggest worry when I took on the job was that we would look for different things in players. I was very nervous when I made my first recommendation, because I was worried he would come a long way and wonder what I had seen in the lad. Fortunately, he agreed with me and put in a bid the next day."

He believes that more Eng-

lish sides will follow Coven-try's example. The club is being very progressive here," he said. "It is a big market place these days and, with expensive fees being asked, even for players in the Nationwide League, clubs are bound to look to Europe. "Managers cannot watch

games all the time, though, and videotapes are not always reliable. They do not tell you anything about the human being in the shirt. Somebody can be a good player, but if he is going to be unhappy in England, then he will not be



Goodway is left with much to ponder after naming his squad for the series with Australia

Britain pick flexible friends

By Christopher Irvine

IN BASING his selection on experience and form it was the latter that Andy Goodway, the Great Britain coach, had in mind when omitting Martin Offiah, which leaves only one specialist wing in the squad for the British Gas series

against Australia next month. That Offiah has lost a vard in pace is not in question. Who will accompany Anthony Sullivan on the wing is. As there is no word yet from the Australian Rugby League (ARL) about releasing Jason Robinson, Alan Hunte is the obvious candidate to revert from centre to his former position, which he filled on the New Zealand tour last year.

Wing is not the only area where players are likely to find themselves in unaccustomed roles. Flexibility is a necessary element of the 22-strong squad announced yesterday, which

is dictated by injuries, the ARL's continued block on Robinson and Gary Connolly's participation. Goodway's admission about the shallow depth of worldclass talent available to him. It is shortage of cover at half

back and prop that could necessitate Andy Farrell, the captain, reverting from loose forward to stand-off half and Chris Joynt moving up to the The cut-off point for whether Robinson and Connolly can play in the first international,

at Wembley on November 1, is next week. "We've a certain idea how we want to play. which is reflected by the selections, and we are going to push and move people around, Goodway said. Goodway is prepared to

gamble, simply because he must and because conservative tactics have got Britain nowhere against Australia in the past. The paucity of choice is reflected by a predictable squad in which Sean Long. one of a seven-strong St Heiens contingent, is the one name from outside the original training squad, as cover for both half back positions

GREAT BRITAIN SOLIAD: Backs: P Atcheson (Didham), M Crompton (Didham), R Goulding (S Helens). I Harris (Leeds), A Hunte (SI Helens). I Harris (Redisham). P Newfove (SI Helens). P Newfove (SI Helens). Spruce (Bradford) Forwards: P Broadbent (Shejifeld), M Cassidy (Wigan), A Survey (Capt. Wigan). M Forshaw (Bradford), Sheughton (SI Helens), A Parrell (Capt. Wigan). M Forshaw (Bradford), S Heughton (Wigan), Coyra (SI Helens), J ughton (Wigan), C Joynt (St Helens), wes (Bradford), S McNams xtford), A Morley (Leads), D Sampso stietord), P Scutthorne (Warmonon).

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SPORT IN BRIEF

McRae steps up rally challenge

COLIN McRAE was osec behind his Subaru team-mate. Piero Liatti, the leader, in the San Remo rally yesterday, after achieving the lastest time in all of the first four special stages. The Scot jumped from eighth place into second behind Liatti. of Italy. After a troubled first day, during which his car suffered suspension problems, McRae said: "At least I can feel that the car's OK."

McRae's improvement was helped by problems suffered by the Toyotas of Freddy Loix, of Belgium, and Didier Auriol, of France. Loix had transmission problems while Auriol was penalised 30sec for staying in the pits too long. The pair were in sixth and seventh positions respectively. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, who leads the world championship by eight points, was in third place, with Carlos Sainz, of Spain, his closest rival for the world title, just 3sec farther back.

England call up Luckes

Hockey: England travel to Cairo for an international tournament from November I to 9 as part of the preparation for the World Cup in Utrecht, Holland, next year (Sydney Friskin writes). The team will be joined in Egypt by Barry Dancer, their new Australian coach. There are two changes in the side. Luckes replacing Lewis in goal and Sharpe, one of five Cannock players in the squad, taking over from Fordham in midfield.

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Lewis may forsake title

Athletics: Denise Lewis, the British heptathlete, may sacrifice her Commonwealth Games title to be better prepared for the European championships, which are only three weeks later. next year. Lewis, who won a silver medal at the world championships this year, is keen to gain revenge on Sabine Braun, of Germany, who won the gold. Lewis may compete instead in the long jump at the Commonwealth Games.

Redskins move up

American football: Washington Redskins moved into first place in the National Football Conference Eastern division with a 21-16 victory over Dallas Cowboys on Monday night Stephen Davis replaced the injured Terry Allen and scored two touchdowns in the Redskins' win.

Ashton Gate, the home of Bristol City, will stage one of the England Monarchs' five home games next year.

Lytham gets upgrade

Golf: The Royal and Ancient have agreed to make improvements at Royal Lytham and St Annes, the course that has been chosen to host the Open Championship for the second time in five years. The 2001 Open will be played over the links course after negotiations between the club and the Royal and Ancient over new drainage and irrigation systems, and the installation of improved service roads.

Marathon chance

Athletics: Only 11 days are left to enter the 1998 Flora London Marathon. Completed forms must be with the organisers by Saturday, October 25. The official entry form is in the free magazine, Marathon News, which is obtainable from 1,000 selected sports shops in the United Kingdom. To find your nearest shop, phone the Asics Flora London Marathon hotline on 01925 417744.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

East-West vulnerable.

This is a hand from the London Easter Festival Teams. At first glame. West seems to have followed up a promising lead with a poor switch at trick two. On closer inspection, I think you can see that East was at fault.

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West held trick one with the queen of diamonds. He then followed with the ace of hearts. greeted with a rather sarcastic queen (well, that was West's description to me of how East played it). The queen denied the king — remember, when you signal with an honour. always play the top of a

sequence. Declarer's only sub-

sequent loser was in trumps, so Four Spades made. In the post-mortem West observed that declarer could always make Four Spades, against any defence at trick two, by establishing dummy's clubs. What is more, East had missed a chance to beat the contract. East might have asked himself why West had declined to lead the partnership suit, hearts; he should have concluded that it was

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ported ace, definitely a no-no lead. In that case it was imperative for East to gain the lead. The way to do that was by overtaking the queen of diamonds with the king. If declarer ducks, East switches to the queen of hearts. If she takes the ace of diamonds. West can underlead to East's ten of diamonds to get the heart return after he wins the king

of spades.

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KEENE on CHESS

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Having maintained the lead

IMPs

the start, Garry Kasparov, the world champion, faltered in the closing rounds and allowed his two closest rivals to catch up with him at the Tilburg tournament in Holland. In the final round, Kasparov could only draw against Lautier while Kramnik defeated Van Wely and Swidler beat Onischuk. The final outcome was a triple tie for first prize. A win by one of the trio of

first prize winners. White: Vladimir Kramnik Black: Loek Van Wely

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By Philip Howard

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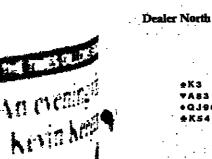
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CHANGING TIMES



Adams and Hoddle reborn in Roman amphitheatre

Gladiators hardened by the inner conflict

f this column has a motto or moral, it is that sport does not build character. Sport reveals character. But how much? And how clearly? That depends on the sport, the athlete and the observer. And if you ever find yourself surprised by an athlete, you must look to the quality of the athlete newly revealed to you and to the quality of your own

Thoughts that occurred to me at the conclusion of the apocalyptic football match against Italy in Rome on Saturday, an evening that forced us to conclude that there is more to some people than we had bargained for. In particular, to Tony Adams, centre half and once the lad ladorum of English football; and Glenn Hoddle, once condemned to the purely decorative role of English football's artist-in-residence.

Few things gave me greater pleasure last week than to read that Adams is doing English literature GCSE. He is reading Romeo and Juliet. Hardy and Keats. He is learning to play the piano. Your traditional Arsenal footballer would sooner walk down Seven Sisters Road in a frock.

Adams epitomised the Arsenal of old: swaggering brutalism: pragmatism run riot; a brotherhood of lads. Adams was the centre half's centre half, running away from the ball with his hand in the air, heading every ball that was above knee height, occasionally forced to kick one, to the traditional donkey chorus of disdain, and trotting up for set-pieces at which,

as a radio commentator once re-They stand marked: He Awtransformed He Aw-, He always scored those cruas products

cial goals. Adams embodied other traditional aspects of foot-

drinking part. He went to prison for drinkdriving, once doused diners with a fire extinguisher in a nizza restaurant. But then came a moment when the Keatsian of the future looked upon himself with a wild surmise. And decided that

enough was enough. He told his team-mates and then the world that he was an alcoholic. Came off the stuff. Thus far — one day at a time, the traditional, indeed, the





Midweek View

least, the only forwardfacing one - he has stayed off it. And he is a better footballer than before under the new Arsenal, and for that matter. the new England.

Thus he links the old and the new traditions of the football of both his club and his country. He has done so by reinventing himself and by playing the piano a bit. This would have seemed absurd in his car-smashing days, but then it is the prescriptive right of all human beings to reinvent themselves. Indeed, the human who has never done so

is a very poor one. We all of us know the woman of adventurous past who becomes the perfect wife and mother. The fact that a person can live in one way, and then in another way, is a constant bafflement to some people, but practically all of us

do it. Getting married, having children: these are fresh starts for most people. To take on, or to abandon an addiction. or another all-consuming way of life such as a cult or a religion, is another common form of life change. A new job — or in my own

case, the losing of one - is a frequent turning point.

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We choose, or have chosen for us, another way of living, but we remain the same person. In a way we become more like ourselves than we were before - Tony Adams and Neo-Platonism, if you like. The crashed motor car, the foaming restaurant, the confession. All these were steps on the road that led to Rome, to which Adams rode only route available to him, or not charioted by Bacchus and

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Adams, above, shows the determination in the charged atmosphere of Rome that he foreshadowed when emotionally confessing to his problems with alcohol

his pards, but on the viewless wings of poesy. Hoddle, too, has reinvented

himself and seems, only seems, to have changed. As a player, he was considered a footballing exquisite, a man lacking the toughness to cut it at the very highest level. Now he is exposed before the world as the person he really is, a very tough one indeed, hard, clever, ruthless. Hoddle the player was always seen as an alien, a cuckoo in the nest of English football. His football team played on Saturday with a cold purpose, the like of which I have never seen in an England football team before. Was this hardness always there? Or has Hoddle re-

created himself? Partly it is clear that Hoddle has trained on, as racing people say, as a competitor and as a human being. But you can't invent hardness where no hardness was before. Hoddle, Adams. both stand transformed before us as products of their own determination and their own will. And also as the persons they always were. They are now more like themselves than ever they were before. And it is sport that reveals this.



SNOOKER

Fracture leads to big break

BY PHIL YATES

MANY players are inspired to take up snooker by television coverage; others begin as children when given a minia-ture table for Christmas. Alfie Burden, 20, who was in outstanding form on the opening day of the Grand Prix in Bournemouth yesterday, took a decidedly more unconventional route.

Burden's 5-2 victory over Graeme Dott, of Scotland, which included a 143 total clearance, a personal best in professional competition. came five years after it seemed that he had lost his big chance of a future in sport because of an injury that prevented him from fulfilling his undoubted potential in football.

Having impressed Arsenal and Swindon Town as a schoolboy, Burden broke a leg in three places and was on

crutches for four months. The a week but within six months injury was so severe that it ended his hopes of gracing the Premiership. Instead of be-moaning such cruel luck, however, he switched his attention

"I used to play socially once



Burden: total clearance

WORD-WATCHING THE Answers from page 49 HOOSIER

(c) A nickmane for a native or inhabitant of the state of Indians lence an inexperienced awkward or unsophisticated person. Origin unknown. "Old King is one of the most perfect samples of a Hoosier Texan I have met with. Fat, chubby, ignorant, and as loquacious as Sancho Panza, we could believe nothing he said."

(b) A name used for various extinct, unidentified, New Zealand lizards. Also, in Maori mythology, a lizard-like mouster. The Maori

(a) A cloth or felt-soled worn especially for rock-climbing, usually in the plural. Sometimes colloquially abbreviated to klets.

(2) A Western Australian red gum tree, Eucalyptus calophylla, or its (a) A Western Australian rea guit tree, Educations catologists, or in timber. The Aboriginal name. "The marri or red guin has its home in southwestern Australia. It becomes 150ft tall with a trunk 5ft in diameter. Its flowers, in large decorative terminal clusters, are cream-coloured or pink; they produce abundant nectar."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I Rxb6l and now I ... Kxb6 allows 2 Qa5 mate, while I ... Rxb6 loses to 2 Ra7+. Black tried I ... Bc8 but resigned after 2 Rc6+. of taking up the game serious-ly I was England Under-17 champion," Burden said. "That was heartening and I knew then I was good enough to turn professional."

While there has been the isolated burst of excellence from Burden during the three years he has been playing in world-ranking tournaments and unsolicited praise from Stephen Hendry — inconsis-tency has limited his impact. For example, in the qualifying phase of the Grand Prix last year, he compiled three

century breaks yet still lost 5-3 to Dylan Leary. "If that match taught me one thing it was not to get so uptight." Burden, who also had runs of 69, 70 and 108 against Dott, said: "I'm determined to enjoy my snooker like I did my football. There's no point in putting yourself

under too much pressure." Burden, the world No 122, from Harrow, certainly appears to be benefiting from his relaxed approach. He survived the mental rigours of a qualifying school for worldranking events at Plymouth in August and needs only to defeat Gary Wilson today in order to secure a television

debut

Euan Henderson, who defied odds of 100-1 to reach the final last year, beat Sean Storey 5-1 on his return to the scene of his greatest triumph. Matthew Stevens, another with fond memories of the venue after his first-round win over Hendry 12 months ago. also advanced by bearing Mark Gray 5-3. Stevens had runs of 52, 64, 80 and 44.

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TELEVISION CHOICE Game girl's task

Animal People: Gladys — the African Vet BBC1, 7.00pm

Dr Gladys Kalema is 26 and has just qualified as a vet in London. But despite her youth and lack of experience, she has taken on the daunting job of assuming responsibility for the entire wildlife of her native Uganda. Moreover, she is working almost single-handed in a country larger than the United Kingdom. Her task is all the more difficult because 30 weeks of civil war and conclude house United Kingdom. Her task is all the more difficult because 30 years of civil war and poaching have left Uganda with pitifully little wildlife to preserve. Dr Gladys must try to reverse this decline and build up stocks. The film follows one of her more spectacular projects. With giraffes down to fewer than 100, Dr Gladys must go across the border to Kenya for animals which, she hopes, will eventually produce new herds. But first the giraffes have to be caught and put on a plane, a more hazardous process than it might seem.

ITV, 8.00pm

Robert Goddard's novel has been turned into a middling thriller which picks up after a slow start and explodes into a climax of such frenetic complexity that it is easy to lose track of whit is doing what to whom. The scenario, essentially, is doing what to whom. The scenario, essentially, is that old standby about the man wrongly suspected of murder who has to find out what really happened in order to clear his name. The task falls to our old friend John Thaw, playing a bankung reduced to working as a waiter on the island of Rhodes. We first meet him sharing a bed with the delightful but mysterious Heather (Abigail Cruttenden). She then disappears, leaving our hero to face awkward questions from the police. The action moves back to England, mostly Cambridge, and a disgraced politician (Matthew Marsh) emerges as prime suspect. Plot dominates character in a ratio of roughly nine to one.

The Nazis - A Warning From History BBC2, 9.00pm

Laurence Rees starts his final programme, as he has opened all the others, with a question. If the Italians, who realised that the war had been a disaster, could ditch their leader and sue for peace, why did the Germans not do the same? After all, by

Richard Attenborough: My Life in Film

Radio 2, 10.00pm When this series began it looked at face value suspiciously like a hagiography, indeed, given that the presenter is Attenborough, it could hardly have been anything else. Yet the series has turned out to been anything else. It in series has turned out to be compelling, and not the least of the reasons is that the listener is swept along by Attenborough's sheer passion. Tonight he tells the story of Gandhi, the film that was perhaps his finest hour. Film buffs will know already, but I was unaware of the opposition that Attenborough encountered in the industry when he sought the money to make the film. Most leading studios turned him down, some did not appear to have heard of Gandhi, others did not appear to have heard of Gandhi, others who had could not imagine how his life could make

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Dr Gladys Kalema at work (BBCl, 7pm) the end of 1943, Hitler had not only lost his Italian

ine end of 1943. Hitler had not only lost his italian ally but the Soviet Army was advancing relentlessly from the east and D-Day was only months away. But Hitler was more difficult to get rid of than Mussolini, as the July 1944 plotters discovered. Moreover, surrender to the Bolsheviks was unthinkable. As throughout this impressive series, the narrative is studded with first-hand accounts, main-fixed former Nazis who seen now have less. many front former Nazis who even now have less quaims. Hitter had an extraordinary capacity for inspiring loyalty, and in an unnerving way he still does

Witness: The Great Hatred Channel 4, 9.00pm

The IRA and Sinn Fein have been accused of many

The IRA and Sinn Fein have been accused of many things but until now racism and anti-Seminism have not figured prominently among them. Simon Sebag-Montefiore feels it is time to set the record straight. He is not a disinterested party. His forebears were Russian Jews who fled persecution at home, only to find it in Ireland. They were hounded out of Limerick in a 1904 pogrom inspired by the anti-Semitism of Arthur Griffith, founder of Sinn Fein. Sebag-Montefiore continues his theme by tracing the collaboration between the IRA and Nazi Germany during the Second World War, though apologists say it was more anti-British than anti-lew. Purthermore, Sebag-Montefiore claims a direct link between the Limerick pogrom and the intolerant sectarianism of today. Peter Waymark

The New Pace of German Radio 4, 10 00am (FM only)

Caroline Wyant lived for several years in Berlin but is now in Bonn as the BBC correspondent there. Berlin and Bonn are very different cities and the attitudes of people in each towards the other vary from mild hostility to indifference. That oddity is merely one of a hundred ways in which the strength of the regions is demonstrated in merety one of a hundred ways in which the strength of the regions is demonstrated in Germany to a far greater extent than in the UK. This new series takes Wyatt on a journey around Germany in an attempt to understand how the country really works and how regional test interact with the national identity. Many of the voices Wyatt hears are questioning and full of self-doubt, in contrast in the external perception of a confident, even arrogant, people. even arrogant, people.

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Azasberger, tenor, Alan Ople, beritone, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, namator, BBC Symphony Chorus, Philinamonia Chorus, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, Schoenberg

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6 Poets Fan Bail. Glyn Maxwell writes a letter to to Edward Thomas (3/5)
9 Ensemble. Penny Gora Introduces a recital by the Scampa Quartet and the pianist Nikolai Demidenko. Schubert (Quartettisetz in C minor); Shostsakovich (Plano Quintet) 1
9 Might Waves, with Humphrey Carpenter, Includes news of the world premiere, in Glasgow, of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's new choral piece, The Rising, written to commemorate the Jacobite rebellion, Plus a look at the recent flood of books and studies on Oscar Wilde Composers of the Weelc Dufay, Binchols and Their Consemporaries (r)

Their Contemporaries (r) sir Jazz Notes. The trumpeter Buddy Childers talks to Stave Voce

telles to Steve Voce

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.
Includes 1.00 Przewinners' concert from the 1997
Prague Spring Festival. Alessio Allegrini, horn.
Christophe Forster (Horn Concerto No 1); Deniel
Breszynski, frombone. Josef Matej (Trombone
Concerto); Gabor Boldoczki, trumpet. Haydni
(Trumpet Concerto in E flad); Hermine May,
mazzo, Dietrich Henschel, barttone, Fritz
Schwinghemmer and Michael Endres, pieno.
Loewe (Piano Sonste); Agnetic (Gregor auf dem
Stein: Mazzappe) 3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, includes W F
Bach (Harpsichard Concerto in D); Feuré
(Masques at Bergarnssques); Copland (Morning
on the Banch, The Red Porty); Bach (Soneta in
G); Pagarnini (Caprice in A minor); Rachmaninov
(Phapsody on a Theme of Pagarnin)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobolay, Includes
Handel (Concerto Grosso in F); Berwald (Piano
Quintet No 1 in C minor); Bizet (Subte L'Arlesienne)
10.00 Musical Encounters, trictudes Bizet (Septidilla,
Carmen); Rodrigo (Concieto andeluz); Schubert
(Die Junge Norme); Taffarret (Fantasia on Jean de
Nivella); Bach (Oboe end Volin Concerto);
Rousset (Concerto); Schubert (Ellens Gesang Hill);
Rossin/Liszt (La Danza); Borne (Carmen Fantasy)
12.00 Composer of the Weeks Gillinita
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtiene Concert. Live from
the Wigmore Hall, London, Douglas Boyd, oboe,
Sue Tornes, piano, Koechlin (Sonsta); Poulenc
(Noctumes Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 7); Saint-Saëns (Oboe
Sonsta in D)
2.00 Mildweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe, Telephone
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5.00 in Turne, with Sean Bafferty. Includes the planist Arcady Volocios performing Horowitz arrangements and Heitetz playing Kompold's violin concerto with the Los Angeles Symphony. Orchestra
7.30 Performance on 3. Judie Varady, soorane, Ann.
Murray, mezzo, Siegfried Jerusslern, tanor, Kurt

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Faming Today 6.25 Preyer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Tips from Woman Gardeners (3/5) 8.56 Weather

9.00 News 9.06 Midweek, with the Times columnist. Libby Purves and her quest, Lee Murray 10.00 (FM) News; The New Pace of Germany. See Choice (1/4)

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10.00 (LW) Delly Service 10,15 (LW) On This Day

10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray, Includes the short story Jernie, from the collection Gravity, written by the Tanes Iterary editor Erica Wagner. Read by Nigel Anthony

11,30 Gardeners' Guestion Time (f)

12.00 Newte; You and Yours, with Lasley Riddoch

12.25pm Eastern Mbz. The final episode of Philip Alster's comedy drama (6/6) 12.55 Westher.

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarks

1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Stepping Forecast

2.00 News; The House in Gaillows Lame. The conclusion of Peter Ling's drame, adepted from the book Till Death Do Us Part, by John Dickson Cair. With Dosid Sanden and John Hartley

2.45 News; Letters from Here and There. The novelis

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2.45 News; Leiters from Here and Thera: The novelist
Rose Tremain writes home from Paris (8/6)

3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift, with Deire Brehen

4.05 Kateldoscope, Paul Gambacchi reviews the new
Rim about Oscer Wide, staming Stephen Fry, and
considers the history of the road movie

4.45 Short Stary: Mother of the Bride, by Angela
Huth, Reed by Angela Berlow

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Wealther

6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 Round Britain Quitz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
7.45 North and South: Travels Along the Irish
Border, The writer Colm Toibin visits the
Islander, The World
8.15 Gleen to Gleen, Rafferty and Chemie McKwaine visit
Traces the experiments of William Henry Fox
Tabot, the father of modern photography (3/4)
8.00 Action Reaction. Sue Blackmore chairs a scientific
debate at Ousen's University in Beliast (5/5)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 8.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonlight, with Isabel Hillion
10.45 Book at Bedlime: The Story of Mr Sommer, by
Patrick Susiand (1/5)
11.00 The Shuttleworths. The cornedy series written

Patrick Sustand (1/3)
11.00 The Shuttleworths. The cornedy series written and partormed by Graham Fellows
11.15 Grievous Bodilly Radio. A cornedy series by Jon Holmes and Andy Hurel's. With Peter Seratinowicz, Emma Clarke and Mike Chequer (1/4)

(2/6)
-11.30 (FM Only from 11.45) My Life as a Car. The second of Mark Wallington's six-part comedy saies (1)
-11.45 (LW) Today in Perliament
-12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned World, by J.G. Ballard. Read by Nicholas Farrett

(6/10) (r) 12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Strictly personal view of the Great Storm

1987, the Great Storm rather passed me by. I remember it because I was there on a press trip looking at off-shore something-orothers with a small party of journalists that included Rebecca. Stephens. She would go on to become the first British woman to climb Everest and I would go on to watch a huge amount of television.

Funny thing, destiny.

Anyway, the first sign I had that elsewhere the weather had gone seriously amiss came when I switched on the hotel television (even in those days a remote was never far from hand) and discovered breakfast television, apparently broadcasting by candle-light. Later that day, a taxi-ride from Heathrow to Docklands (pre-stock market crash you could claim those sort of expenses) provided an unforgettable Pepys's progress through battered London.

on the night of October 16, 999 Special (BBCI) provided a rather different reminder, in a programme which, by concentrating on the human dramas of the night and virtually ignoring the sheer physical damage, gave a slightly incomplete picture of what happened. By concentrating on the human dramas that had a relatively happy ending, it also gave us a

typically 999 picture of history. Nineteen people died and 15 million trees blew down in a matter of hours, but they would have to wait for another sort of documentary - 999 is about optimism and overcoming impossible odds. As ever, it proved an effective mix despite the problems of reducing 14 million personal memories down to a handful of skilful reconstructions.

We had the man whose caravan converted to flat-pack assembly while he and his wife were inside it; we had the inevitable birthing drama and the baby girl inevitably christened Gayle, and we had the Jersey woman thrown over a balcony by a wind that she described as not so much a gust as a presence. With the now ritual humiliation of Michael Fish tossed in for free, it was good television but relevision that perhaps hadn't provided the comprehensive account that the tenth anniversary required. Mind you, I wasn't there.

To my surprise. Network First Living with Grace (ITV) turned our to be even better television. On paper, it looked like cheap opportunism, the death of one charismatic Princess offering the chance to linger over the strikingly similar death of another, Princess Grace of Monaco. But, within a few seconds of Zoë Wanamaker's narration getting under way, it was clear we were watching a programme that had been months in the making,



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and not mere weeks. Popular documentary-making does not ger much better than this and its makers must be aggreeved not to be rewarded with an earlier slot. Had they packed it with the sort of ടമ്പപ്പി revelation that has characterised most recent accounts of Grace Kelly's Hollywood career, no doubt they would have. But if alluding to it rather than revelling in it was what ensured that an

extraordinary story would be told — in the main — by those who witnessed it, it was a price worth paying . A sister, two bridesmaids, a lover, a walker — this was a topnotch documentary cast.

The picture of Kelly that emerged was inevitably affectionate and theatrical (I wondered how many times the wedding had been described a "a co-production between MGM and God ?) but it also seemed to be reasonably honest, fairly human and wonderfully interesting. No doubt there are those of you who knew all about the disagreement between Aristotle Onassis and Prince Rainier as to how the fortunes of the principality might best be revived, but it was news to me. As indeed was the fact that if things had gone just a little differently, it could easily have been Princess Marilyn of Monaco,

As the programme headed towards its unhappy conclusion.

recent events, in particular in a letter Prince Rainier wrote to his public relations man complaining about the curse of mini taperecorders and giant telephotolenses. "I don't hate, I despise," he concluded. I look forward to next week's second instalment, although with the star now gone, it may have trouble sustaining the

level of interest that last night's

managed so impressively.

ome-grown drama remains something of a L rarity on Sky 1, making the launch of just about anything an occasion of note. The thing to note about Dream Team, however, is that it's actually quite good. It's also perhaps the first television series about football that has been written not for people who like drama but people who like football. To that end it has some of the most convincing footballing scenes computer effects that can turn the blue shirts of Leicester City into the purple of Harchester United and by a young cast chosen for their footballing skills rather their acting talent.

The quick among you will have realised that there is a downside to this last point, but on the evidence of this opening episode, not a serious one. The acting in the not wholly dissimilar Hollyoaks, the Channel 4 teen soap, was no great shakes when it started and yet it now has a strong following among its youthful target audience. Dream Team could easily emulate that success. As for securing the services of

the real-life Ron Atkinson as manager of Harchester, it was a masterstroke. Mind you, after last night's 2-I defeat by Chelsea, how long will he last? I think he can expect to receive the full backing of the chairman at any moment.

6.00am Business Breakfast (42863) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (I) (82649115) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (3724399) 9.30 Style Challenge (4976509) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (6955496)

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10.35 Change That (8256196) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7638592) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (7678318) 11.35 Room for Improvement The home of designer John Rochs (r) (3886689)

12.00 News (I) and weather (8011641) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (7791318) 12.35 Going for a Song (5473979) 1.00 News (1) and weather (17080) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73515467) 1.40 The Weather Show (82284450) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (71231979)

2.10 Quincy (r) (8253825) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1405202) 3.25 The Really Useful Show (4862318) 3.30 Playdays (r) (8977405) 3.50

ChuckleVision (f) (8957641) 4.10. Get Your Own Back (T) (6134405) 4.35 Out of Tune (T) (8772370) 5.00 Newsround (T) (2053009) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (9452134) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (466009) 6.00 News (1) and weather (844)

6.30 Regional News (T) (196) Animal People The work of Uganda's recently Installed 26-year-old chief wildlife vet, Gladys

Kalema (T) (9028) 7.30 Tomorrow's World: Tomorrow's ables A special report on the future of human reproduction (T) (680)

8.00 Crimebeat Martyn Lewis investigate how crime rates in Teesside and Northumbria have been dramatically cut (T) (8776)

8.30 The National Lottery Live The actress Kate Beckinsele presses the all-important button. Music is provided by Passion Star

8.55 Party Political Broadcast By the Conservative Party (T) (352134) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (I) and regional 9.29 National Lottery Update (309202)

9.30 The X Files: Sanguinarium A cosmetic during a hideously unsuccessful operation leaves Scully typically unconvinced (T) (609912)

10.15 Challe Eric lands himself on the wrong side of the school's only bright spark (1)

10.45 Blindsided (1993) with Jeff Fahey, Mia Sara, Jack Kehler and Brad Hunt. Steamy thriller about a con-blinded by a certificial crook during a drugs raid. Directed by Tom Donnelly (478347) WALES: 10.45 A Touch of Classics (163979) 11.15 Fil M: Blindsided (555196) 12.15em FILM: Moving Target (1988) (121871) 1:45 Weather (1763871)

12.15am Moving Target (1988) Thriller, with Jason Baleman Tom Skenitt and Jack Wagner. Directed by Chris Thomas (1) 1.45 Weather (1763871)

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BBC2 6.00am Technology: Seeing Through Mathematics (T) (63844) 6.30 The Front Desk (T) (18221)

7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (7 and signing) (9558776)

7.15 Teletubbles (r) (6861196) 7.40 Smurls' Advertures (r) (4238863) 8.05 The Really Wild Show (r) (T) (7990863) 8.30 Penny Crayon (r) (7364912) 8.40 Tales of Aesop (r) (2534399) 8.45 Harry and the Handersons (r) (T) (9550283)

9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (3471318) 9.25 English Express (7009467) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8567844) 10.00 Teletubbies (12383) 10.30 Numbertime (6610757) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (6608912) 11.00 Around Scotland (5210080) 11.20 1.1.00 Aroun o Scorania (521020) 11.20 Geography Programme (5289283) 11.40 Revisia (9201318) 11.55 Cuirze Minutes Plus (7489414) 12.10pm Isabel Little (5790028) 12.30 Working Lunch (15047) 1.00 Noddy (32396660) 1.10 The Countryside

Hour: An underwater view in the Lake District (7587467) 2.10 Indoor Bowls: Bupe Open The first of today's best-of-five-sets second round metches from the Guild Hall in Preston-(38529318)

5.50 Lifeline (r) (T) (128863) 6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (r) (1)

6.45 Stiders (n. (1) (442486)

7.30 Conjuring Shakespeare Shakespeare's Measure for Measure. Lest in series (950) 8.00 University Challenge Christ Church, Oxford v the Open University (1) (6318) 8.30 The Antiques Show investments; a country house sale; vintage motorbikes; Muhammad All's robe (T) (5825)



The Red Army takes Danzig (9.00pm)

The Nazis: A Warning from History How racial hatred fueled Nazi Germany's will to fight on in spite of mounting odds favouring its defeat (1) (326641)

9.50 The Rugby Club Bath drop out of the European Cup, deepening the club's financial crisis (T) (867009) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (530405)

10.30 Political Broadcast: Conservative (1) (492134)

10.35 Newsnight (T) (729660) 11.20 Over the Edge A thalidomide artist revisits her unusual childhood (151405) 11.55 Close Up The film director Alex Cox chooses a scene from the classic monster movie King Kong (r) (350979) 12.05am Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (4391622)

12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Kate Adie (1846790) 12.45 Environment (T) (1414036) 1.19 Desertification: A Threat to Peace? (2136055) 1.35 Management of Nuclear Waste (4976054) 2.00 Moving to English/Teaching Today (38245) 4.00 Languages: Breaking the Silence (18697) 5.00-5.30 RCN Nursing Update (39784)

6.00em GMTV (4979318) 9.55 Regional News (5884295)

9,25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3713283) 10.00 The Time, the Place (12329) 10.30 This Morning (T) (77595825) 12,20pm Regional News (8017825) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5469776)

12.55 Shortland Street (544467) 1.25 Home sand Away (1) (76804554) 1.50 Remote and Away (1) (76804554) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (1) (71207912) 2.20 Venessa (1) (74420486) 2.50 The Natural Health Show (9297134) 3.20 News (T) (4858115)

3.25 Regional News (1) (4857486) 3.30 Tots TV (8971047) 3.40 The Parkies (9464318) 3.50 The New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (r) (1244329) 4.20 Extreme Ghostbusters (I) (6125757) 4.45 It's a Mystery (I) (8796950) 5.10 WALES: What's My Line? (3843047) 5.10 No Naked Flames: The Work

Experience (3843047) 5.40 News (T) and weather (625825) 6.00 Home and Away (476912) 6.25 Regional Weather (378931) 6.30 Regional News (1) (592) 7.00 Emmerdate Andy is left to fend for himself in a cold cazavan(T) (4196)

7.30 Coronation Street The Pialis are in for a surprise at Don's funeral (1) (776)



Into the Blue Thriller base starring John Thaw (T) (9115) 10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (241009)

10.05 News at Ten (i) National Lottery result 10.35 Regional News and weather (110028) 10.45 WALES: My Shakespeere (665991) 10.45 West Match Plus (583979)

11.20 WALES: The Enemy Within (1994) with Forest Whitaker and Sam Waterson. Suspence drama in which a military coup threatens the United States of Ameri Directed by Jonathan Darby (904009)

11.45 Tropical Heat (r) (428689) 12.40am Movie Club (1803177) 1.10 Highway Patrol (2123581)

1.35 Hindle Wakes (1952) with Leslie Dwyer and Lisa Daniely. A lowly mill girl becomes involved with the boss's son while on holiday in Blackpool. Directed by Arthur Crabtree (4074968)

2.55 Jones and Jury (r) (5200351) 3.20 Japanese Grand Prix (5565264) 4.15 Breaksways (76068871)

4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (51201245) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (26210) 5.30 News (82245)

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2.30 In Focus (5588210) 3.15 The Mysterious West (87392852) 3.40 The Good Sex Guide Late (6072603) 4.35 Central Jobfinder '97 (8263622) 5.20 Asian Eye (7984142)

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10.45 Special Report (158047) 11.15 The Westcountry Match (525931) 12.10m The Making of Event Hortzon (4202784)

As HTV West except:

5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (3843047) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (912) 6.30-7.00 Put it to the Test (592) 10.40 The Baldyman (622912) 11.10 Live at Jongleurs (569370) 11.40 Beyond Reason (549776)

12.10am Meridian Masterclass (4202784) 5.00 Freescreen (26210)

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12.55 A Country Practice (5444467) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3843047) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (767047) 10.50 Midweek Kick-Off! (9329196)

12.15am Short Story Cinema (3308697)

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30931) 9.00 Yagolion (127080) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (7028) 12.00pm Sesame Street (66283)

12.30 Ricki Lake (25365) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (32372080) 1.15 Tic Toc (32300863) 1.30 Film: Hobson's Choice (17738)

3.30 Collector's Lot (370) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (405) 4.30 Routes Around the World (689) 5.00 5 Pump (4395757) 5.15 Ffeil (2058554) 5.30 Countdown (641)

6.10 Heno (225486) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (597399) 7.25 Ffermio (862486) 8.00 Gwaith Cartrel (1486) 8.30 Newyddion (3221) 9.00 Prime Suspect (6405) 10.00 Brookside (718842) 10.35 Babylon 5 (280196)

11.30 Cybill (90825) 12.00em Fresh Pop (6274061) 12.05 Under the Moon (11767448) 4.30 Board Stupid (51446) 5.00 Screaming Reels (9752264)

5,55em Sesame Street (35573) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30931)

9.00 Schools: Making Sense of Science (85047) 9.30 Good Health (8564757) 9.45 Book Box (8552912) 10.00 Stage Two Science (2310825) 10.15 Rat-A-Tat-Tat (2333776) 10.30 The Jacobites (T) (7466196) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (1711775) 11.00 First Edition (6203863) 11.15 The Mix (63826028)

11.30 Here's One ! Made Earlier Chicken soup; tom of lamb with Medit vegetables; boureka cheese (T) (7028) 12.00 Sesame Street (66283) 12.30pm Light Lunch (54301) 1.30 Upstairs and

1.35 Carmen Jones (1954) Updated version of Bizet and Merimée's Carman, set in America with an all-black cast. stamno America with an all-black cast, starring Dorothy Dandridge, Harry Belafonte and Pearl Bailey. Directed by Otto Preminger (T) (40957950)

3,30 Collector's Lot (T) (370) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (405) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8773009) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (8692738) 5.30 Pet Rescut (T) (641) 6.00 The Cosby Show Despite his family's lack of confidence, Cliff puts his DiY skills

to the test (r) (T) (554) 6.30 Roseanne Rosenne's parents arrive unexpectedly (r) (T) (134) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) Includes headines

and weather at 7.30 (221080) 7.50 Beyond the Booker Jonathan King offers his opinions on the literary prize (1)

(296318) 8.00 Brookside Rachel teeters on the edge Will Lindsay and Peter make the most of their time alone together? (1) (1486) 8.30 Out of Africa: Leatherbacks and

of turtle manage to survive at Kosi Bay in Natal, South Africa, away from the interference of man (1) (3221)



Witness: A Great Hatrad Simon Sebag-Monteliore travels on a personal journey into Ireland of Sinn Fein (1) (6405) 10.00 Prime Suspect (2/4) DI Jana Tennison

inherits a seemingly open and shut murder investigation. With Helen Mirren and John Bowe (r) (2471405) 11.10 Babylon 5 Delenn works with a rival to

12 05am Under the Moon Scorts magazine presented by Danny Kelly and Tom Binns (11767448)

4.30 Board Stupid Snowboarding action (r) 5.00 Screaming Reels Angling magazine (r)

(T) (1204968) 5.20 Scottish Writers: lein Banks (2984993)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2887283)

7.30 Milkshake (7300080) 7.35 USA High (f) (7960842) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (829897 8.30 WideWorld Documentary series on the development of cities (11/12) (8280950)

9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine (5453931) 10,00 Exclusive (r) (6109554) 10,30 Vanessa's Day With (r) (1) (8277486)

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11.00 Leeza Chat show (5016329) 11.50 Double Espresso (44185202) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8268738) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (8160569) 1.00 5 News Update (99051863) 1.05 Sunse

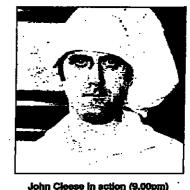
Beach (T) (1218115) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment show (4595221) 3.30 The Picasso Summer (1972) starring Albert Finney and Yvette Mimleux. A young couple's love of the works of Picasso sends them on a pilgrimage to meet the great man. Directed by Serge Bourguignon (3628080)

5.20 5's Company --- Late Extra (55881689) 5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz (1)

6.00 100 Per Cent Hostless game show (8261115) 6.30 Family Affairs Chris has second

thoughts (8252467) 7.00 Exclusive News from the world of entertainment; includes the growth of cartoons that appeal to adults (6019757) 7.30 Beastly Britain: Univited Guests How

houses play host to a variety of unwented guests (T) (8281979) the team breathe new life into a neglected Harrogate market garden (6028405) 8.30 5 News (T) (6007912)



Different (1972) The Monty Python team star in a leature-length version of their successful television cornedy series. Ian Machaughtan (T) (67015844) 10.40 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and

11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7298863) 12.25em Live and Dangerous Includes baseball action from the Major League

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Bid for 2003 world championships put on hold after BAF goes into administration

Financial crisis casts cloud over **British athletics**

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN A move which has "devastated" David Moorcroft, the governing body's chief executive, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) went into administration yesterday, leaving the future of the sport in Britain cloaked in uncertainty. Facing a deficit of £530,000 and monthly running costs of £130,000, the federation now has an anxious wait over its very existence.

While about 40 federation employees are under threat of redundancy, other areas of British athletics now shrouded in doubt are coaching and the development of emerging talent, the staging of international championships in Britain, and even the promotion of national championships. However, the so-called World Class Performance Plan, funded by the National Lottery, is not affected and the top 200 or so British athletes will continue to receive subsistence, training and medical support.

That said, those who appeared in Britain's televised meetings this year have yet to be paid and are among the creditors facing losses. Among the coaches under the axe are Bruce Longden, who guided Sally Gunnell and Daley Thompson to Olympic gold medals, and Carl Johnson. who steered Jonathan Edwards to a world title and

Moorcroft, appointed July but who took up his position only two weeks ago. called an emergency news conference at the BAF headquarters in Birmingham, where he admitted: "If I was in a position now to be deciding whether I wish to be chief executive of the BAF I clearly would not. I am devastated at what has happened."

Moorcroft added, however. that he did not think he had

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continue in an attempt to resolve the difficulties inherited from Peter Radford, who resigned in January. "The federation has a £530,000 deficit which has to be paid immediately," Moorcroft added. "This is a dire situation for the federation but not for the athletes. For 99 per cent of people in athletics, business will carry on as normal."

The main cause of the BAF's financial position was, according to Moorcroft, a dramatic downturn in income from television and sponsorship.



Moorcroft: "devastated"

Television money fell from El.5 million in 1996 to less than El million this year and sponsorship income by 45 per cent. Escalating legal costs have also played a significant part.

The BAF management board met on Friday and, after taking legal advice, was told that it was insolvent and that it should apply for an administration order. Moore Stephens Booth White, the Birmingham-based insolvency practitioner, was called in on Monday and the court appointed three partners. One of them. Ron Speight said that he expected the process of determining the BAF's future to take "weeks rather than

Among the potential creditors is Diane Modahl, who is suing the federation for £500,000 over drugs allegations. "As it stands, the poten-tial Modahl claim is a contingent liability," Speight said. "If it is proven, she would rank as a creditor in proportion to all the other creditors." He noted that several football clubs had fought their way out

of administration. Moorcroft added: "The way the sport is structured means that it will carry on. But the federation, and the associated activities of the federation, are under threat. The governing body may not exist in its current form."

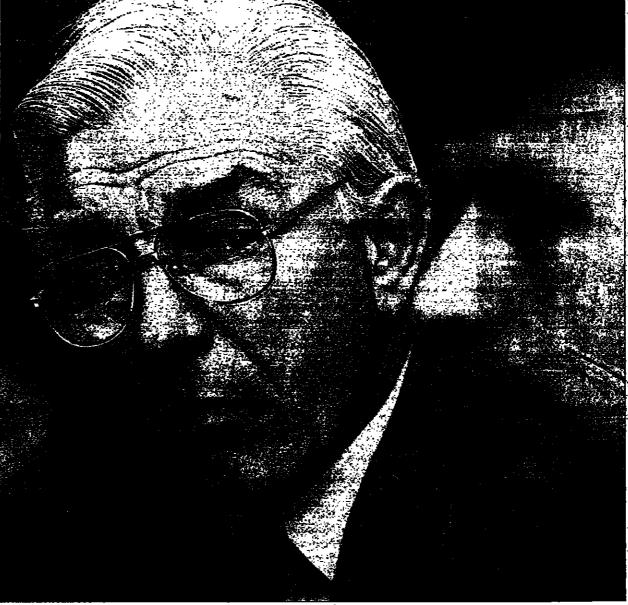
However, the "ring-fencing" of National Lottery money, administered by the Sports Council, ensures that the participation of British athletes in international competition is protected. "The money from the Sports Council has gone into a separate company,'
Moorcroft said.

Ironically, one of the BAF's constituent bodies, the AAA of England, has reserves of more than El million. Although it has committed £90,000 in support to the BAF, so far that is as far as it has gone. After a fractious relationship with the BAF, only under Moorcroft has the position begun to

Moorcroft said that BAF business would now be run by the administrators. He added that the bid to stage the 2003 world championships, which would be the first big global event at the new national stadium at Wembley, would go on hold.

The next world championships to be staged by the BAF are in cross country in 1999 and they are now in doubt. "The world cross country championships will, I think, continue, but I am not certain," Moorcroft added.

The federation's biggest asset is its headquarters, bought during the recession for £450,000. Moorcroft said that selling the building was "a consideration".



Ken Rickhuss, the BAF chairman, listens as details of the federation's plight are given to a press conference

COUNTDOWN TO BANKRUPTCY

March 1991: The British Athletic rederation (BAF), a body embracing every part of the sport and first conceived in 1968, is finally set up. Half of the (AAA), the English governing body, are transferred to BAF. Oct 1991: The new governing

body begins operating. Nov 1991: Malcolm Jones, former senior executive with Vauxhall Motors and Westland Helicopters, is appointed chief executive of the BAF.

Feb 1993: The BAF Council reprimands Professor Peter Radford, the vice-chairman, David Bedford, the secretary, and John Lister, the treasurer, who played a decisive role in saving the sport from near-bankruptcy seven years earlier. All are criticised for their part in a clandestine movement to oust Jones. He leaves employment of the BAF later that year.

Jan 1994: Suicide of Cliff Temple, athletics correspondent of The Sunday Times. BAF subsequently begins disciplinary proceedings against Andy Norman, its promotions director. threats and spreading false numours against Temple (which he denied). In July 1993, Nor-man allegedly warned Temple that if he went ahead with an

investigative article, rumours might be spread that Temple had sexually harassed athletes that he coached. Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, says of Tem-ple's suicide that it "had plunged British athletics into the abyss" Feb 1994: Radford takes up

post as BAF executive chairman. Cash crisis at BAF, with Lister wanting the coaching budget cut by £400,000. Mar 1994: Bedford and Bob

Greenoek, the vice-chairman, are voted out at a tempestuous AGM. Frank Dick, head of

coaching, resigns in protest at the lack of funds.

as promotions director and is given an estimated £100,000

Aug 1994: The Diane Modahi affair begins, bringing the sport a barrage of bad publicity in a year in which four other British athes are found positive for doping. She comes back from the Commonwealth Games after allegedly failing a drug test.

Sep 1994: Steve Cram and David Moorcroft quit the BAF middle-distance working group, frustrated by lack of progress.

Dec 1994: Modahi is banned from athletics for four years after being being found guilty by a BAF disciplinary committee of taking an illicit substance.

July 1995: Modahi's appeal is upheld by a BAF three-man

fribunal. Radford has a public row with Linford Christie and

Feb 1996: Modahi issues a writ compensation of 2500,000.

Mar 1996: Lister, who resigns as treasurer, warns the AGM of the BAF that the sport was "paying the price of complacency of self-

Dec 1996: Ward leaves BAF, saying that he has been "dumped" and warning that British athletics "was on the way to tearing itself apart".

Jan 1997: Radford resigns as executive chairman.

Jul 1997: Moorcroft is named as the new chief executive of the BAF.

John Goodbody

McIntosh cleared of disrepute charge

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DALE MCINTOSH, the Pontypridd No 8, should be free to appear in the Heineken Cup play-off with Brive on November 1 McIntosh, who was suspended for 30 days after being sent off in the first meeting between the clubs last month, was cleared yesterday by European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) of bringing the game into disrepute and is free to resume playing this week.

McIntosh, capped twice by Wales, was sent off along with Lionel Mallier, the Brive flanker, after a prolonged fracas during the game on September 14. As he left the pitch he made repeated thumbs-up gestures to the crowd which were regarded as inflammatory and resulted in the disrepute charge.

He was also alleged, along with Phil John and Andre Barnard, to have been involved in a bar-room brawl later that same evening and it is the upshot of that which will decide whether he can play in Brive next month. An examining magistrate in France is still considering the incident and, until her findings are established, the three Ponty-pridd players require legal dispensation if they are to visit the Brive area.

"It is good to have my name cleared," McIntosh said after the hearing in Dublin. "I have a habit of giving a thumbs-up sign at just about anything. I didn't mean any disrespect but obviously I'll have to be careful in the future when I do it."

He has been cautioned by ERC about his future conduct but he is free to play against Llanelli in the Welsh League on Saturday, at a time when Pontypridd's other No 8s are doubtful through injury. The Welsh champions are likely to instruct their legal representative today to begin the legal process which would permit McIntosh, John and Barnard to go to Brive.
"We had a fax yesterday

from the hotel in Brive where we stayed before, inviting us back," Cenydd Thomas, the chief executive, said. "Someone over there likes us. We hope that the view will be taken that our lads will come to play rugby and no more. It's not a question of visiting Brive in the general sense of the word."

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Pressure builds up for Francis

By MATT DICKINSON

GERRY FRANCIS may not make it to White Hart Lane tonight, but that might not be such a bad thing. The Tottenham Hotspur manager has been laid low by a wrenched back, an injury sustained while playing with his children, and it could spare him another tense evening at the mercy of the club's increasingly fraught supporters. Defeat against Derby Coun-

ty in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup would guarantee renewed calls for his dismissal. While Alan Sugar.



Robson: talks denied

the chairman, has so far stood by his beleaguered manager, Tottenham are understood to. be weighing up possible suc-cessors, with Bobby Robson. technical director at Barcelona, believed to be top of the list - although Tottenham last night denied that they had held talks with the former

England manager. Robson, 65, is missing the involvement with players and . is hankering for one last challenge before retirement. Francis, who has less than 12 months remaining of his

three-year contract, has admitted that Tottenham will have to win a trophy this season if he is to survive. He has not been helped by a

succession of serious injuries, the latest depriving him of the England striker, Les Ferdinand, who is expected to be out of action for three months after groin surgery.

Ray Wilkins, the Fulham

manager, yesterday paid Arsenal E750,000 for the midfield player, Ian Selley, who played in the first team under George Graham but has been unable to break into the side since Arsène Wenger took over as manager.

The former Rangers and Scotland captain, Richard Gough, re-signed for the Ibrox club from the US Major League side, Kansas City Wizz, yesterday and said he hoped to help Rangers extend their record equalling run of nine Scottish championship "I don't think there will be

the same pressure as last year, when we were trying to equal Celtic's nine. I believe we will play freer football this year," Gough, 35, who has signed a two-year contract, said. Gough spent only four

months in the US. "This is a pleasant move for me," he said. "A lot of people thought I would come back one day, but I don't think they believed it would be just four months down the line. "I had no hesitation in returning. I actually thought Walter Smith [the manager]

was kidding at first, but then

he told me he was serious. It's

a great opportunity for me and

I intend to see the contract

Shearer preters safe approach BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WITH the World Cup finals now beckoning, Alan Shearer is not about to risk making a premature return to football from the injury that has kept him out all season. If he were to come back too quickly from the broken ankle and torn ligaments that he sustained in a pre-season match and which and Argentina. kept him on crutches until this week then his chance of playing in France 98 would be

all but ended. Shearer was off crutches for the first time at Newcastle United's training ground yesterday and working out on an exercise bike. It was an encouraging sign, but not of an imminent comeback.

"There will be no miracles." Shearer said. "It will be after Christmas before I return. When, I don't know. It probably won't be January and probably won't be February either." March would seem. therefore, to be the earliest date for Shearer's comehack. which would give him just enough time to get back to his best before the finals get under way in June.

Whether England are to be among the seeded nations in the World Cup remains to be seen, with Sir Bert Millichip, the former Football Association chiarman, among those making the decision. Sir Bert sits on the 28-man Fifa organising committee for the World Cup, which has the sole say on the running and rules of France 98.

That committee, which also includes David Will, of Scotland, will finalise the procedure for the event in the next seven weeks and could decide to give greater prominence to much-derided world

rankings list, which puts England at No 7. If that happens, England could head one of the eight groups, ensuring they avoid playing any of the real big guns in the opening round. Other seeds are likely to include Brazil, the holders. France, the hosts. Germany If the rules that governed

the seedings at the last World Cup, in the United States in 1994, are confirmed, then England, who failed to qualify, would almost certainly not be seeded, but changes may



Shearer training

be afoot. Keith Cooper, the Fifa spokesman, said yesterday: "Previously, seeding has been based on performances in the three most recent World Cups. That has proved its worth and will be a big element, but since then the rankings have been introduced and quite possibly they will be an extra factor that the organising committee wants to take into account. One reason the rankings were not used for USA 94 was that they had only been introduced three months earlier."

